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Rev. Richard Harvey Conducts Youth For Christ Program In St. Louis, Mo.

A portion of the audience at a Youth for Christ rally in Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis.

". . . . . Everyday, as I go my way, it is Christ for me."

As the song ended on a strong, jubilant note, a tall, young man walked briskly to a battery of microphones in St. Louis Municipal Auditorium, smiled and announced: "This is 'Youth for Christ' of Greater St. Louis, bringing to you the Gospel on the world's Saturday night."

Thus did an energetic Protestant minister launch one of the most successful series of religious services in the history of the [illegible] city.

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June Meeting of Executive Committee Held In Boston

Several Major Appointments Made

BOSTON, Mass.—A two day meeting of the N. A. E. Executive Committee held on the 14th and 15th was attended by Bishop L. R. Marston, Dr. R. L. Decker, Dr. J. Alvin Orr, Mr. H. J. Taylor, Rev. J. Roswell Flower, Mr. Kenneth S. Keyes, Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, Dr. Stephen W. Paine, Dr. T. Roland Phillips of the Committee and Mr. Carl Ashe, Miss Gertrude D. Clark, Rev. Melville D. Hatcher and Dr. J. Elwin Wright of the staff. The meetings were held in the Board room of Suffolk University. Sessions were almost continuous from the morning of the 14th until the evening of the 15th.

The appointment of Dr. J. Elwin Wright as field secretary was confirmed. Rev. Charles G. E. Chilton was appointed assistant editor of United Evangelical Action. An article regarding Mr. Chilton appears elsewhere in this issue.

A decision was reached to print United Evangelical Action twice a month, commencing August first. It will appear in tabloid size, eight pages. The change in size was voted after a survey disclosed the preference of about 75% of the subscribers for this format. A report indicated the steady growth in circulation which the paper is enjoying.

Meeting concurrently in Boston with the Executive Committee was the Commission for Christian Week Day Education. Present were Dr. Archer L. Anderson of Duluth, Dr. Clarence H. Benson, Mr. James DeForest Murch of Cincinnati, and Miss Elizabeth M. Evans of Boston. A report of this Commission was made to the Executive Committee. Much progress has already been made in its field.

A further meeting of the Commission will be held at Winona Lake, Indiana, July 10 to 12, after which it is expected that the actual work of producing the outlines for a complete course of studies for released time schools will be greatly accelerated. It is the hope of the committee that a uniform series of outlines may be produced which will be generally adopted throughout the nation.

The Commission is working in close collaboration with evangelical publishers

Rev. William Nagel was appointed to the secretaryship of the Northwestern Region. He will take up his duties in early autumn. The location of his headquarters is yet to be determined. The principal committees now in the area are located at Portland, Oregon, Seattle and Spokane, Washington.

The report of the treasurer indicated the satisfactory state of the finances, although the rapid acceleration of the N. A. E. program will necessitate close attention to the work of raising the $35,000 still needed for this year's budget.

An important staff appointment and several committee appointments, were made which cannot be announced at this time. News of these will appear in the next issue.

Presbyterian Assembly Gathers at Montreat

By DR. CHARLES G. CHILTON

The outstanding item connected with the Assembly was its action to remain in the Federal Council. Whether its willingness to submit this burning question to the presbyteries after the war gives any real indication of a possible change of sentiment time alone can tell.

The matter of Union with Northern Presbyterians seems to have lost nothing of its explosive qualities, and its present course is still found in the troubled waters of confusion and debate. Beneath the surface, however, there is a deep calm, and the near future may manifest a new approach that shall be freed from all the impediments of the past and the prejudices that have served to color the thought of past generations. In any case, the fact that the Plan of Union was ordered to be sent down to ministers and sessions justifies real optimism as to the final issue of this question.

That Southern Presbyterians have again manifested their missionary zeal and passion is evident from the readiness with which the project to raise $400,000 for the rehabilitation of churches and hospitals in China, Korea and Japan was approved. This sum, when added to the general fund, makes a large figure and speaks well for the general health of this great denomination. I am sure that evangelicals among our Baptists, Methodists, Congregationalists and all the other great families of God's children rejoice in this great work being accomplished by the Assembly. We stand with [illegible] work will advance under his gifted leadership. As United Evangelicals, our prayer is that the glorious GOSPEL OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, may find its fuller expression in the year that lies ahead of our friends of the South.

Addition To N. A. E. Staff

Much interest and satisfaction will be felt on the part of all our friends when they learn of the appointment of the Rev. Melville G. Hatcher as Secretary for Evangelism. Mr. Hatcher began his duties on June 6 of this year, and already his rare gifts in this field are finding full expression and give promise of rich fruitage.

Mr. Hatcher was born in Rensselaer, New York, and received his early schooling in his home town. After work in Brown University, he received his Theological Training at Pittsburg Bible Institute. Following his graduation he entered the Christian ministry and was ordained in 1927. He has held pastorates in Long Island, New York; Edwardsville, Pennsylvania; Laceyville, Pennsylvania, and Bridgeport, Connecticut.

All those who know our brother will give their enthusiastic and unqualified approval of this choice, since both scholarship and spirituality combine to bring to this challenging field "a man sent from God," fitted and qualified to wield great influence in the [illegible]

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The son of a saintly minister of the Gospel, Rev. Harvey had come to Missouri two years before with his wife and four children. Rev. Harvey, an evangelist at heart, had left a thriving church in Erie, Pennsylvania, to take a smaller congregation in need of a leader at St. Louis. His messages were straightforward, to the point, and a sinner never left the church without being aware of the state of his soul or without a warm handshake and sincere 'God bless you" extended by the thin, slightly-bald pastor.

Worldly amusements were plentiful, of course, in the Missouri city, especially on Saturday that would be of spiritual benefit.

Rev. Harvey prayed continually for God to reveal a plan which would solve the problem.

His prayers were not without nights; but a healthy, active young Christian man or woman could find very few activities reward, for the Lord not only pointed him to the actual plan but also instilled in his heart an increasingly-fervent desire to see the program through.

Convinced of God's will in the matter, Rev. Harvey went into action. He called on Christian business men whom he knew or had heard of. He singled out Christian men stationed in the armed forces nearby, and asked every member of his congregation to pray daily about the program.

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Some of the men he contacted were skeptical. They said no one could ever hope to convince young people that they can find more enjoyment in a religious service on Saturday night than in a dance hall or motion picture theater.

Only four or five appeared at the first organizational meetings and skepticism even entered their ranks. But while others doubted and hesitated, Rev. Harvey continued to work and pray. Night after night he and his wife would seek God's advice into the early hours of the morning.

Finally, with a nucleus of a half-dozen conscientious Christian men, the movement began to grow. Organizational meetings took on a new note of interest; ministers of various denominations offered their assistance; and the scoffers stayed away.

A constitution was drawn, based on the simple declaration that it was to be an [illegible] national program dedicated to but one purpose—saving the souls and serving the spiritual interests of young people. Controversial matters of doctrine were set aside and all Protestant denominations were invited to take part.

Committees on prayer, finance, publicity and other important phases began to function immediately. Election of officers was next and again the hand of the Lord was plainly visible. The men named to the posts not only were outstanding Christians, but they also represented a wide variety of denominations and were well-known and respected as successful business men.

Orron D. Evans, member of an insurance firm, was elected president. A humble, intelligent man, Mr. Evans came from Third

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Revival Breaks Out Among Minnesota Youth

MEDICINE LAKE, Minn., June 28 (Special Wire)—Revival reigns at Christian Endeavor convention. Minnesota State Union Meeting at Medicine Lake experienced the greatest spiritual awakening in years. A spontaneous movement of the spirit resulted in many conversions in students' room and solitude. In a week's time, more than 120 were converted and more than 220 dedicated themselves to full time Christian service. The thrill of the movement was felt by all. Discipline was no problem among these 600 young people. It was an old time revival.

H. J. OCKENGA.

Florida Group Places Bibles in Public Schools

In the deep South a movement started back in 1935 which has spread from Lakeland, Florida, where it had its beginning, until today it has branches in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Alabama and Mississippi, with scattered work in several other states. It is a plan which avoids the objection to a union of church and state, yet uses the facilities of the school to reach thousands of children with the Word of God. It is entirely voluntary on the part of the children and is accomplished outside of school hours after securing permission from the proper school authorities to present the plan at chapel period or some other appropriate time.

The children earn awards for memorizing Scripture verses. Beginning with the presentation of a Gospel of John to every child who learns John 3:16, other awards follow—For learning 25 verses the child receives a New Testament; for 25 more verses a Bible Story Book; for 50 more a Wall Motto and for 100 more, making 200 verses, a Bible is given. If the child learns another 100 verses (300 in all) the award is a week in a Christian Camp with all expenses paid.

The work must of course be undenominational in character but is designed to feed into all churches boys and girls who are truly born again and are equipped to be of real service.

The Children's Bible Mission will reach over one hundred thousand children this year through its 30 missionaries in 18 branches. The greatest response is in the rural communities, though there are a few cities where the school authorities have seen this as an opportunity to offset the awful conditions existing amongst a large portion of the youth of our day.

The Children's Bible Mission is not associated with any church or denomination and is entirely supported by gifts from God's people who are interested in ministering His Word to the children in our schools.

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NEW YORK, June 22—At two o'clock on the afternoon of June twenty-one an observer might have noticed a group of fourteen men in the far end of the lounge at the Banker's club in downtown New York. Their chairs were arranged in a circle and they were engaged in earnest discussion.

In the group was one of America's foremost bankers, the head of a great investment house, several top executives of business organizations, a noted preacher, and representatives of several foreign lands which have been under the heel of the invader. Included in the latter category was a gentleman from China, another from Greece, one from Bulgaria, a fourth from Holland, a fifth from Russia. There were others present who had travelled widely in mission work in these and in other countries.

The meeting was being held for the purpose of exploring methods by which the evangelicals of America might unite in setting up an agency for the relief of the sufferers in the war torn lands across the sea.

The conference lasted two and a half hours. Out of it will probably come something of most unusual interest to every reader of this paper.

We wish we could tell you more but we can't at this time. We can only advise you to keep your eyes and ears open for important developments which we hope to announce in the next issue.

Eminent No. Carolina Pastor Resigns

GASTONIA, N. C. — After sixteen years of faithful and productive service for Christ in this city, Rev. Bartlett A. Bowers has resigned his pastorate at the First Baptist Church.

During his fruitful ministry 1,630 new members have been added to the church and $391,942.79 has been contributed to all causes. On his closing service the audience presented him with a love gift of $2005.00. All churches of the city administration, and officials of the Southern Baptist convention passed resolutions of appreciation for his outstanding service to the cause of Christ.

Lutheran Augustana Synod Votes To Change Name

ST. PAUL, Minn. (RNS)—The Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America, in convention here, voted to change its name, the third national Lutheran body meeting in the Twin Cities within a week to do so.

New name selected by the synod was "Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church." The change is subject to ratification by the synod's 1945 convention.

Earlier, the United Danish Church in America, meeting at Medicine Lake, adopted "United Evangelical Lutheran Church" as its name and the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, meeting in Minneapolis, changed its name to "Evangelical Lutheran Church." Their changes also are subject to ratification by succeeding conventions.

The Augustana Synod, in a closing session, ratified the proposed new constitution for the National Lutheran Council, and in another move toward greater Lutheran unity approved altar and pulpit fellowship with all Lutheran bodies which have adopted and adhere to the historic confessions of the Lutheran Church.

Salaries of faculty members of Augustana Seminary were raised to $4,000 for regular professors and $4,500 for the dean.

Highlight of a financial report was the disclosure that contributions for benevolences by synod members had increased 97 per cent in one year.

Commissioning of 12 foreign missionaries who will go to China and Africa and ordination of 34 ministerial candidates marked concluding sessions.

Would Aid Churches in Obtaining Surplus War Property

HARRISBURG, Pa. (RNS) — Churches, hospitals, charitable institutions, and other qualified organizations, as well as state, county, and municipal governments, would be aided in obtaining surplus war property through expansion of state purchasing departments under a proposal advanced during the 36th annual National Governors' Conference by John Hancock, co-author of the Baruch-Hancock report, and John Ducas, an official of the Surplus War Property Administration.

tative gatherings of the Evangelicals of New England convened at Park Street Church yesterday. All New England states except Vermont were represented.

In the afternoon session, Dr. Harold John Ockenga spoke on the "Minister's Responsibility to the Coming Revival." He declared that a new infilling of the Holy Spirit for the task was absolutely essential and stated that he believed the revival could only come when the leaders were first revived.

An open forum followed the message. Rev. Edward Barram of Troy, N. H., discussed post war relief. Dr. C. Gordon Brownville, chairman of the commission for Evangelism, outlined plans which are underway for conferences on evangelism. He announced that one of these major conference would be held in Boston in October.

Dr. James T. Rider of Ruggles Street Baptist Church spoke on "Fields of Endeavor for Local Committees." Rev. Clyde Taylor of Quincy, Mass., discussed the need of defending the doctrine of the Separation of Church and State, referring particularly to the crisis in South American mission work

Dr. J. Elwin Wright brought latest information regarding gospel broadcasting, referring to the recent organization of the National Evangelical Broadcasters Association and also to efforts now under way to protect the interests of gospel broadcasters. He announced that the nationwide survey of religions broadcasting would be completed by September 1 and ready for publication.

The afternoon session was concluded after a short business session.

In the evening, about 800 turned out to hear Bishop Leslie R. Marston, national president of N. A. E. He brought a strong message on the gospel which was received with deep appreciation.

Rev. Carlton Helgerson, chairman of the New England District, presided at all sessions.

The next New England-wide meeting will be the Pastors' Conference, to be held on the grounds of the New England Fellowship Conference grounds at Rumney, N. H.

Studies Plans For New Work In Free China

BUCK HILLS FALLS, Pa. (RNS) — Plans for new work in Free China, for entering the Hadhramaut area as well as the interior of that country, and for possible cooperation in work among the Indians of the high Andes in South America, were studied at the 138th General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. A budget of $325,000 was approved for the Board of Foreign Missions.

Five new missionaries for Arabia and China were commissioned. It was reported that 111 missionaries are at present in the field, and 15 new missionaries are in language preparation in the U. S. Eleven missionaries returned to their work in India, China, and Arabia this past year and 12 came home on furlough.

More than $130,000, over and above all benevolent giving, was contributed by the Church for emergency needs due to the war, and the Synod voted to ask $175,000 during the coming year for the same causes. The money is distributed among 13 agencies.

Seventh-Day Baptists Adopt War Pronouncements

SHILOH, N. J. (RNS)—Earnest prayer "that the cause of liberty, righteousness, and truth may prevail," and that peace negotiations be "governed by the principles of Christian love toward all nations," were urged in pronouncements on the war adopted here by the Eastern Association of Seventh-Day Baptists. New England, Eastern New York, and New Jersey churches comprise the Association.

Vigorous protests were passed against permitting taverns and beer parlors in the neighborhood of military camps; against liquor advertisements, especially over radio; and in favor of suspending "the alcoholic beverage industry completely for the duration of the war."

Negro Clergyman Elected Officer Of Topeka Ministerial Alliance

TOPEKA, Kans. (RNS) — The Rev. C. Wayne Love, pastor of the St. John's A. M. E. Church, was elected vice-president of the Topeka Ministerial Alliance. This is the first time a colored pastor ever has held an office in the history of the association here.

It is customary for the vice-president to elevate to the presidency the following year.

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1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

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The ants met the situation by organization. They divided themselves into groups, builders, foragers, housekeepers, agriculturists, soldiers, etc. They initiated specialization and perfected it and this worked well for them for a time. But eventually it resulted in building a class consciousness between groups. The builders thought they were the most important because they made the houses, the foragers because they furnished the transportation, the agriculturists because they milked the ant cows, etc. So there began a struggle between groups for position that lasted until the coming of the great war with the spiders.

Ant armies were proverbially the best in the world and they did a fine job until the ants behind the lines, who were their suppliers, got to quarreling among themselves, each group seeking more recognition.

As a result of this pulling and hauling at home for selfish ends, the gallant ant soldiers were deprived of support and nearly exterminated by the spider army. Whereupon the chief of the ant republic borrowed a grasshopper's antennae and made a radio talk to his people. Said he: "My friends, organization has its excellent points but it may well be our undoing unless we add another ingredient—cooperation." And from that time on the ants have cooperated to beat the band and have multiplied and prospered.

Maybe we today could "consider her ways and learn wisdom!"

Forces Disrupting The Churches

This is the title of a brochure recently issued by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Its foreword states that it is "an analysis of the recent attacks made upon the Federal Council." As an analysis it is not impressive. It points out some of the sources of these attacks and brands them as inspired by radicals who are under suspicion by the government.

To our mind this line of counter attack will not be very convincing to the general public. It does not at all meet the issue that the Federal Council must meet if it wishes to alleviate the rising tide of dissatisfaction and indignation that exists among the great body of devout Christians scattered among all our denominations over its attitude toward the great doctrines of the Christian faith.

In its opening paragraph the brochure makes a plea for unity in these words: "In this hour of the world's desperate need, more than ever, the churches of Christ should stand together in a united front based upon the Christian faith. A church torn by dissension is not adequate to the needs and challenge which must be met. Never was it more necessary to bear in mind our Lord's prayer "that they may all be one . . . that the world may believe."

BOOK REVIEWS

EVANGELISM TODAY: MESSAGE NOT METHOD

By SAMUEL M. ZWEMER, D. D.

A refreshingly new approach to an old subject. The first sentences of the foreward provides the thesis of this valuable volume. "The Evangel is the message of salvation. It is of God and not of men. The message is of far more importance than the messenger."

The fourteen chapters which follow delve deeply into the basic nature of the gospel of redemption from sin, the central place of the cross, the motive for evangelism and the means which God is using in this generation to accomplish His purpose that men shall hear and believe.

Dr. Zwemer has drawn freely on theological authorities in driving his points home. He is convinced, as are many of the most discerning leaders, that we are about to witness a great spiritual revival through a return to evangelism in all its phases.

We confess that we could not leave this book alone until we had read it from cover to cover. A thrill is in store for those who procure and read it thoughtfully and prayerfully.

Cloth bound, 125 pages. Price $1.50: Fleming H. Revell Company, Publishers.

ANTI-SEMITISM, THE VOICE OF FOLLY AND FANATICISM

By REV. AMOS I. DUSHAW, M. A.; B. C.

A review of the history of the Jews and their persecution by various nations. Christianity is indicted for its part in adding to the sufferings of these people. The writer seeks to place the blame for the crucifixion on the Romans. He fails to recognize that the judgments of God have followed Israel because of her rejection of her Messiah.

He is in agreement with many evangelicals that the solution of the Jewish problem is their establishment as a nation in Palestine. In so doing, he ignores the fact that the great majority of Jews have no desire to return to their former national home.

As a plea for a sympathetic understanding of the problems of the Jewish people the book is to be commended. As a scripturally accurate treatise it leaves much to be desired.

Cloth bound. 116 pages. Price $1.50: The Tolerance Press.

BESIDE QUIET WATERS

By REV. HAROLD P. WARREN

A new book of meditations on the exhaustless 23rd Psalm. Written by the pastor of the North Baptist Church of Flint, Michigan, out of his own rich experience. It will bring blessing to all those who read it prayerfully and thoughtfully. Its eight chapters are filled with honey from the Rock. Paper bound, 40 pages. Price 35c. Zondervan Publishing House.

Chaplain Donald J. Mackay Writes From a War Zone

For some time I have been wanting to write to some of my brother pastors back on the important Home Front. Many are doing a marvelous job preparing young lives to take their places in active service, and I can assure you that their effort is not in vain, but is evidenced in the lives of many in the camps and overseas stations. DIE "WITHOUT HOPE AND WITHOUT GOD." For, just as in peace times there are 11th hour and death bed conversions, but the majority die as they have lived. The same is true in time of war. And I think Satan has blinded the eyes of many Christians to this fact, and we take entirely too much for granted. Work as never before

Roving Reporter

Rev. Melville D. Hatcher has commenced work as Secretary for Evangelism at the Boston office at N.A.E. He is already knee-deep in correspondence regarding autumn and winter campaigns and conferences.

Mr. Robert C. Van Kampen, the energetic president of the Hitchcock Publishing Company, treasurer of the Gideons, director of this and that in the field of various kinds of evangelism, has been spending several weeks in South America. His journey took him to most of the republics of the Southern Continent where he met many officials, diplomats and business men in his quest for new business for his fast growing organization.

The attempts of listeners to our Blue Network programs to spell the name of the speaker when they write in requesting copies of the messages is highly entertaining to our office force. These are some of the honest but not altogether correct efforts to put the name "Ockenga" on paper: "Offenger, Aukenday, Archiogate, Archinga, Arkinday, Hokinkay, Harkengay, Aukengay." We are reminded of the policeman in Boise, Idaho, who once hauled a motorist and proceeded to make out his ticket for a traffic violation.

Said the cop, "Name, please."

The motorist replied, "Aloises Zachary Abercrombie Mefgenthenwallerberry."

The officer stuffed his book back in his pocket. "Well, don't do it again."

Rev. William (Billy) Graham, pastor of the Village Church, Western Springs, Ill., is in constant demand as a radio and youth speaker. His church is one of the liveliest spots spiritually in the Chicago area. Among other things they feature a particularly interesting gospel program over W.C.F.L. (1000 k.c.) every Sunday at 10:15 to 11:00 o'clock.

The New Hampshire state committee is moving forward in its varied program with enthusiasm. Every pastor in the state has received a letter asking his support on N.A.E. Rev. Ralph T. Barron has been appointed chairman of a committee to secure radio time over local stations in the state. A large number of subscriptions to U.E.A. are coming through. Rev. Ivar Sellevaag of the Christian Church of Portsmouth, is the chairman.

Commencing July 7, the Blue Network program of the National Association of Evangelicals will be heard 8:15-8:30 E.W.T. and will be known as YOUR LIFE TODAY.

A Conference on Evangelism, a week of prayer conference, a program of week day religious education and other important projects are being developed by the Denver Association. Their weekly luncheons are held on Wednesday noon in room 210 at the Y with interesting speakers each week. Visitors are cordially invited.

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CONSIDER THE ANT

By J. H. Van Deventer, President and Editor of "The Iron Age"

"Go to the ant, O sluggard and consider her ways and learn wisdom." So said Solomon, the son of David, King of Israel, in his Book of Proverbs, written some 3000 years ago.

That was a thousand years after the ants, masters of organization since nearly the beginning of time, learned the hard way that organization itself cannot produce constructive results without the addition of a plus ingredient. The story goes as follows:

There were ants, of course, in the Garden of Eden, together with all the other species of animals, birds and insects. The ants differed from the others, however, in being naturally fond of work. So while the lions and tigers, elephants and deer, scorpions and black widow spiders spent their days indulging in peaceful contemplation and conversation, the ants hustled about looking for business. They didn't have to, of course, but they were made that way.

Each ant, in those days, went about pretty much on his own. If he felt like building a house he did so. If he felt like harvesting a crop of grass or leaves he did so. If he felt like exploring the surrounding country he did so. There was nothing for him to fear for he had no enemies and all creatures were vegetarians.

The picture changed, however, when Adam and Eve were evicted from the Garden and the premises were closed to the public. Peace no longer reigned on earth and life for all became a struggle for existence.

In its opening paragraph the brochure makes a plea for unity in these words: "In this hour of the world's desperate need, more than ever, the churches of Christ should stand together in a united front based upon the Christian faith. A church territory dissension is not adequate to the needs and challenge which must be met. Never was it more necessary to bear in mind our Lord's prayer "that they may all be one . . . that the world may believe."

A fully united Protestantism would be a marvelous thing. Personally, we would give all that we possess of time, money and strength to assist in bringing it about. We bear no personal malice toward the men who lead the Federal Council. But these leaders are seeking to do something that simply cannot be done when they attempt to unite those who still believe with all their hearts the historic doctrines of Protestantism and those who have forsaken these essential positions of Christian faith.

The Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., at its recent General Assembly, declared that "its membership in the Federal Council of Churches must be contingent upon its maintaining its evangelical position." When asked to explain the circumstances which called forth such a resolution, Dr. Ralph W. Lloyd, chairman of the Department of Church Cooperation and Union, stated that "certain bodies not subscribing to the evangelical position of the Presbyterian Church and the present constitution of the Federal Council were now seeking membership in the Council."

We would like to congratulate the Presbyterian Church on its pronouncement if we could escape the conviction that its position is inconsistent and the suspicion that there is an ulterior motive behind the resolution. We cannot help speculating on whether the sudden stand for evangelicalism was prompted by fear of further losses in the denomination by the secession of churches which are tired of compromise and also the need of quieting the fears of Southern Presbyterians who are reluctant to go into a merger with the Northern body because of its modernism.

The inconsistency of the Presbyterian resolution lies in the fact that it would bar the Universalists and Unitarians from membership but allow the Presbyterians who are of Unitarian conviction not only to be in the Federal Council circle but occupy places of great responsibility and leadership in its councils.

There can be no real unity among the churches, such as the Federal Council professes to desire, unless and until membership is limited to those who accept the gospel without mental reservation and devote themselves to its propagation. The unity for which Christ prayed is dependent upon adherance to His doctrine. That doctrine centers in Himself—His deity, His omnipotence, His atonement by His shed blood, His power to forgive sins and to give eternal life, His right to pronounce judgment upon evil doers, His destiny as eternal Ruler of the Universe.

Many of the leaders and adherents of the Council reject these basic doctrines. Others do not. In this situation, we would say that the Federal Council should determine whether it wishes to represent evangelicals or modernists and frankly announce its decision to the world. It cannot and should not expect to represent both. When it attempts representation of both it cannot be satisfactory to either.

We who continue to believe what the great body of the church has always believed can hardly be justly accused of disrupting the churches. Those who are instituting a revolution against these doctrinal positions are the guilty ones. If it were not for them the church would not be rocked by controversy and disunion. One has but to consider the denominations that have maintained their evangelical position to realize that modernism has been the great disrupting force. The disruption, confusion and division is present in proportion to the degree of the infiltration of modernism. This is, indeed, a very serious thing. There is but one cure—a sweeping revival of faith. For this we work and pray. Revival rather than political wire pulling, coercion or secession is the best solution. N. A. E. was born in the hope that it might assist in bringing such a revival.

J. ELWIN WRIGHT.

Chaplain Donald S. Mackay Writes From a War Zone

For some time I have been wanting to write to some of my brother pastors back on the important Home Front. Many are doing a marvelous job preparing young lives to take their places in active service, and I can assure you that their effort is not in vain, but is evidenced in the lives of many in the camps and overseas stations. Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the importance of this. It is true that men are finding God in fox-holes and life-rafts, for it is natural when men's hearts are filled with fear to look for help from God. The 107th Psalm so clearly depicts the dangers of men in varied experiences, and of how "they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses." But the real work done in the home, the church, the Sunday School and Young People's group, makes Christ real before the dangers of fox-hole and life-raft are encountered—so that He is not just found there, but His blessed presence and unfailing love is but the continued experience and Romans 8:28 becomes a living reality to "those who love Him and are the called according to His purpose." You see, more than ever I'm a confirmed believer in Child Evangelism and work with Young People. LET'S NOT WAIT UNTIL THEY GET AWAY AND INTO DANGER BEFORE WE REACH THEM WITH THE CLAIMS OF CHRIST. LET'S REMEMBER THAT FOR THE FEW WHO FIND HIM IN FOX-HOLES AND LIFE-RAFTS THERE ARE THOUSANDS WHO DIE "WITHOUT HOPE AND WITHOUT GOD." For, just as in peace times there are 11th hour aid death bed Conversions, but the majority die as they have lived. The same is true in time of war. And I think Satan has blinded the eyes of many Christians to this fact, and we take entirely too much for granted. Work as never before for those in the homeland, and pray as you have never prayed, for those in foreign service.

A fine piece of work is being done by many pastors in keeping in touch with their men. Do it by all means. You don't know what even a mimeographed letter from their pastor means to these lads. I do, for they bring them to read (and I often notice it is the letter with their name mentioned in it to the other lads). I came across a good idea while visiting in the hospital the other day. Some wide awake church had sent a little folder of snap shots, with these captions, "Your Dad and Mother," "Your Church," "Your Pastor and Wife," "Your Sunday School Teacher," and a few other shots. Well you can just bet that such a gift was appreciated and shown around. When I saw it, I couldn't help but say, "Praise God for that Pastor and Church." It may cost a little money, effort, etc., but I daresay that lad will not soon lose his interest in the church. Space forbids my saying anything more but I PLEAD WITH YOU—"Preach the word . . . do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (read 2 Tim. 4:1-5).

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Many Additional Churches Join N. A. E.

Flow of Applications for Membership Continues

BOSTON, Mass., June 29—At its recent meetings the Committee has spent much time in the consideration of applications of organizations and churches which have been received since a new ruling of the Board of Administration that approval of the recommendation of the regional committee in the area in which the application was received.

Other applications are under favorable consideration by the committee.

The following applications have been acted upon favorably at recent meetings:

The Missionary Church Association, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Birmingham Bible Institute, Birmingham, Alabama
Central College, McPherson, Kansas
Christian Business Men's Committee, Boston, Massachusetts
Christian Business Men's Committee, Buffalo, New York
Department of Christian Education, U. B. Hurricane, Indiana
Detroit Quarterly Conference of the Free Methodist Church, Detroit
Fort Wayne Bible Institute, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary, Los Angeles, California
Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Ohio Conference, Kalona, Ohio
National Holiness Missionary Society, Chicago 43, Illinois
Red Feather Lakes Bible Conference, Denver, Colorado
Southern California Holiness Association, Los Angeles 37, California
Swedish Baptist Conference of New England, Worcester, Massachusetts
West Side Center, Denver, Colorado
Advent Christian Church, Worcester, Mass.
Atwell Hill Baptist Church, Wentworth, N. H.
Berean Memorial Church, Bridgeport 8, Conn.
Bethesda Baptist Church, Tacoma 8, Wash.
Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Buffalo 13, N. Y.
Bethany Reformed Church of Chicago, Chicago
Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle, Birmingham 3, Ala.
Calvary Presbyterian Church of Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.
Churchill Tabernacle, Buffalo, N. Y.
Cordova Free Will Baptist, Cordova, Ala.
Eleventh Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles 15, California
First Baptist Church, Bend, Oregon
First Baptist Church, Cullman, Ala.
First Baptist Church, Farmington, N. H.
First Baptist Church of La Mesa, La Mesa, Calif.
First Baptist Church of Mexico, Mexico, Maine
First Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Syracuse
First Church of God, Altoona, Penna.
First Congregational Church, Appleton, Minn.
First Evangelical Reformed Church, Portland, Ore.
First Pilgrim Church, Columbus, Ohio
The First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, Ga.
First United Presbyterian, Boston, Mass.
Garden Home Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.
The Gospel Tabernacle, Martinsville, Va.
Grace Bible Fellowship, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Grace Full Gospel Church, Baltimore, Md.
Groton Heights Baptist Church, Groton, Conn.
Newton Square Baptist Church, Worcester, Mass.
Seventh Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery 5, Ala.
Staub Memorial Congregational Church, Portland 19, Ore.
Temple Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Trinity Methodist Church, Los Angeles 15, Calif.
Tuscola Street Methodist Church, Detroit Conference, Saginaw
United Baptist Church, Milo, Maine
Zoller Gospel Tabernacle, Detroit 27, Mich.

Harvey Conducts

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Baptist Church, largest Baptist congregation in the city. Paul Baseler, an architect of the Brethren faith, and Elmer Standley, steel company head, representing Trinity Tabernacle, an independent fundamental church, were named vice presidents. The post of treasurer went to Hugo Turdack, an outstanding member of the St. Louis Board of Education and a faithful man of God at Hope Congregational Church. Norman Aubuchon, grocer and member of Lafayette Park Baptist Church, became secretary.

With Rev. Harvey continuing to serve as director, the remainder of the men on the board of advisors were appointed to committee posts.

Letters soon were going out to the best religious speakers in the nation telling them of the movement and inviting them to speak. Almost instantly they accepted. It was decided to hold the first meeting in an assembly hall in Kiel Auditorium, the city's huge municipal building. A big youth choir was organized under the direction of Martin Brown, a young [illegible] director, and [illegible] instrumental [illegible] for the opening night was provided by members of the Evangelistic party of Jackie Burris who [illegible] St. Louis at the [illegible] services.

Prayer [illegible] was the byword during the final week of preparation. Again God heard and answered for the opening night the auditorium was packed long before the rally began at 7:30 Monday and jammed the aisles and lobby. Several hundred had to [illegible] were turned away at the door.

Dr. R[illegible] of Memphis, Tenn. was the speaker and his simple, scriptural message struck deep in the hearts of many. The altar call found more than 75 young men and women, several from the armed forces, giving their hearts to the Lord. [illegible] highlights of the meeting was a Bible quiz by the young people from various churches. A half hour radio program, [illegible] from the Auditorium had been arranged with station WIL and the quiz was aired during the 30 minute period. It was a huge success.

Because of the overflow crowd, the next rally was moved to the auditorium's largest section, Kiel Opera House, and more than 5000 persons were on hand. All subsequent meetings were held there and in the Opera House, another big division of the building and each week the crowds grew. Applause invariably greeted the Christian servicemen who gathered the offering.

At the eleventh weekly rally, more than 3000 persons turned out to hear Rev. Torrey Johnson of Chicago, poular youth speaker, and Mr. Beverly Shea, radio singer and hymn writer, also of Chicago. Many souls were saved or re-dedicated. Other services have had similar results.

News of the tremendous success of the movement has spread across the nation and each week Rev. Harvey receives long-distance telephone calls and letters from ministers and Christian laymen who are eager to start a similar program in their cities.

He readily gives them every bit of information possible and prays that the rallies may become nation-wide.

"One of the most heartening aspects of our program," he relates with a smile, "is that members of more than 100 churches are now taking part. Young people, finding the Lord for the first time, go back to their churches and instill a new fervor into the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. Grown-ups, too, have responded to the altar calls, or have found added blessings through the services.

"The Lord indeed has rewarded our efforts and we trust and pray that the program will continue to grow until the very day of His return."

Floating Boat Carires Religion To Isolated Areas

BATON ROUGE, La. (RNS) — A novel experiment in bringing the word of God to remote fishermen and trappers in South Louisiana's Atchafalaya River basin has now rounded out five years under the guiding hand of a young Baptist missionary, the Rev. Ira Marks.

First step in shepherding a scattered people, mostly illiterate, was to build the Little Brown Church, a well-constructed floating boat which putters in and out of a network of bayous and other streams to reach them.

The Baptist pastor is bringing not only spiritual aid, but health benefits and schooling. He has erected a modern clinic which has saved many lives and is improving the living standards of the people in the isolated area.

In addition to the floating church, small missions have been set up along the route where circuit pastors who have substituted the small outboard motor boat for the horse hold regular services.

The missionary organization is called the Atchafalaya Baptist Hospital and Missions and is supported by donations, both from the people served and from generous benefactors from other areas.

Outstanding Baptist pastors of the state are being invited to conduct revivals at the various missions and on the picturesque floating church.

Christian And Missionary Alliance Holds Annual Council

Clifford Lewis to Be Speaker at City Wide Campaign In Boston

Dr. Clifford Lewis of Cleveland, Tenn., is scheduled to conduct a midsummer evangelistic campaign at the Union Rescue Mission in Boston from July 30 to August 13. After some months of prayer and planning on the part of Rev. Herbert Whitelock, Superintendent of the mission, together with his Board of Directors which is headed by Mr. Allen Emery, outstanding Christian layman of Boston, it was decided to acquire the services of Dr. Clifford Lewis to preach among the underprivileged and poor in the South end of Boston as well as soliciting the efforts of all evangelistic churches in the entire Boston area.

DR. CLIFFORD LEWIS

Special cottage prayer meetings have been in effect for more than two months, together with the services of Miss Sarah Bell, who was secured for a summer Bible School program among the children of this area and to prepare them for the coming campaign. To start things off in the right direction, these children will march in a special Bible parade on Sunday afternoon, July 30, gathering at the Parkman Band Stand in the Boston Common.

Immediately afterwards will be a citywide Youth Rally under the auspices of the mission held at the Park Street Church at 3:30 the same afternoon.

Mr. Stephen Zagorski, former state president of the Gideons of Mass., has been made chairman of the entire program with subcommittees appointed in behalf of evangelism.

The New England Fellowship has graciously offered their radio time during these two weeks over the Victory Hour each weekday morning at 7:30-8:00 over station WMEX.

Mr. Whitelock as superintendent of the mission and Mr. Emery as chairman of the Board of Directors are to be congratulated on this great step of faith in getting the Gospel to the people of Greater Boston.

Prominent Manufacturer Elected To Moody Institute Board

CHICAGO, Ill. (Special to N. E. A.) Maxey Jarman, president of the General Shoe Corporation, Nashville, Tenn., and prominent Southern Baptist layman, was elected June 13 to the board of trustees of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, according to the Rev. Will H. Houghton, D.D., president.

One of the leading shoe manufacturers of the United States, Mr. Jarman also has been active in Christian work. He has served on the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and taught a men's Bible class in Nashville's First Baptist Church, of which he is a member.

Born and reared in Nashville, Mr. Jarman was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He left school to associate himself with the Jarman Shoe Company, formed in 1924 by his late father, J. Frank Jarman. The younger Mr. Jarman served successively as office boy, stenographer, office manager, and then secretary-treasurer of the company. In 1933 he was elevated to the presidency of the General Shoe Corporation, of which the Jarman Shoe Company is a subsidiary.

In 1938 he visited the shoe factories of Europe, studying production methods, and just recently returned from a trip to England.

State Conference At Richmond, Va.

RICHMOND, Va., June 20 — Nearly one hundred pastors and many laymen were in attendance at the spring conference of N. A. E. in this city yesterday.

The sessions were held in the beautiful auditorium of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of which Dr. J. H. Cudlapp is the pastor.

Dr. Graham Gilmer, state chairman, presided. After a short devotional in the morning session, Dr. J. Elwin Wright was introduced and outlined the events in recent church history which culminated in the decision of evangelical leaders that there is need of united action to preserve the faith and promote the work of gospel proclamation throughout the world. A discussion period followed in which many participated.

In the afternoon Mr. B. L. Fisher, a prominent business man of Martinsville, Virginia, addressed the audience briefly. He was followed by Rev. G. H. Montgomery of Frederick, Maryland. Mr. Montgomery is a member of the N. A. E. Board of Administration, representing the Pentecos-

Why You Should Attend The Summer Bible Conference

By DR. CHARLES G. CHILTON

The phenomenal growth of the Summer Bible Conference bears eloquent witness to the part this institution is playing, and the place it is filling in the life of the Church of the Twentieth Century. Gone are the days when the summer conference can be thrown into the category of the "Ranter's Camp Meeting:" the rendezvous of the "Holy Roller:" the sphere for the full and free display of emotional debauchery.

Not for a moment would we seek to imply that all the camp meetings of former years were of this character, for on the contrary, they have in countless instances proved to be the "effectual door" into a larger and fuller life. In many instances, however, the emotional has shut out completely the educational; a weakness the Bible Conference of our day has sought to correct and eliminate.

The Bible Conference of today is as come as the given (divinely given) answer to the insistent demand and growing cry of the common disciple for a retreat where the soul can respond to the Master's injunction to retire into a quiet place and "rest awhile." (See Mark 6:31.)

"Rest awhile." Not rest continually. Not a given effort to escape altogether the pressure and responsibility of Christian service. This is rest for the sake of labor. Waiting for the sake of working. The needful pause for needful power.

In this modern age we have caught the fuller significance of the Master's words, and have discovered that *vacation* (in the Saviour's view of life) is placed in juxtaposition with *vocation*. We have come to understand that it is just as important to know how to *play* as how to *pray*. Yea, we have learned that "The Good Part" is not the gift and sequel of serving merely, but also of sitting. (Luke 10:39.) Moreover, we have found (in the hard and expensive school of experience) that serving is impossible without sitting. This we are assured lends meaning and weight to the Master's "Come." "Come — and rest awhile."

This "Come" is the come of a common necessity. It is the Come of a divine provision. It is the Come of a divine secret. It is the Come that holds ever the given perspective for divine success.

What can fulfill this injunction of the Master and answer the need of the disciple better than the Summer Bible" Conference? In no other relationship, and in no other association can we find a more practical bearing and a truer interpretation of these words of Jesus: "Come — and rest awhile." Here is to be found health and renewal for spirit, soul and body. Here one finds the answer to the need of the whole the afternoon of July 9 and carry through to July 14. Howard W. Ferrin, F. Carlton Booth and Mr. Clarence Jones will be present at this conference. The Fellowship Meetings will be held July 16 - 26. Following these we find The 12th Annual Bible Conference of the Florida Bible Institute, July 28 - August 3; The 57th Old Orchard Convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance August 4 - 13. "Four Thrilling Days" under the auspices of The Evangelistic Association of New England August 14 - 17. The Salvation Army August 18 to 28th and the Old Time Religious Campaign by the Union Rescue Mission August 29 - September 4.

The Ontario Bible Conference offers eight glorious days. These meetings will run from August 6 to 13. For information one should write to W. H. Roberts, 48 Perry Street, Auburn, N. Y.

The Stony Brook General Bible Conference makes a challenge all its own. The dates are as follows: July 15 - 22. Believers Bible Conference July 22 to August 6. The Young People's Conference is held July 8 - 15. As a Youth Conference this gathering will be found to meet the desires of the young folks and the wishes of the parents. For information address Stony Brook Assembly, Stony Brook, N. Y.

Camp Pinnacle (P. O. address R.F.D. Voorheesville, N. Y.) has established a reputation all its own. The Camp is held from June 17 to August 28. Its splendid Series of Meetings will be sent upon application. No greater service could be had by any adult Christian than that of sending some young person to this wonderful Camp.

Gitche Gumee Camp calls from lovely Northern Michigan. (Address John J. Rader, Lake Superior Bible Conference Association, Eagle River, Northern Michigan).

It will be well to write early to avoid disappointment. You may write also to the Camp Director, Silvis, Ill. The Bible Program runs from August 4 - 13.

It is superfluous to stress the advantages of The New England Keswick at Monterey, Massachusetts. Season—July 1 to Sept. 5, 1944. For reservations write to New England Keswick, Monterey, Mass.

The MacKerron Youth Conference July 8 to 16 is under the leadership of Franklin and Eleanor MacKerron of the Evangelistic Association of New England. Write to Miss Lois Moore, Deer Farm Camps, Kingfield, Me.

The Montrose Bible Conference is known far and wide. The dates

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Guest speakers included
Rev. S. Ross of Minneapolis,
Rev. [illegible] Jr., and Mr. R. G.
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which was a high spot in the convention.

Wide expansion of the work of the Alliance is planned for both the home and the foreign fields in the post-war period. South America, India and the three African fields are being reinforced, between forty and fifty new workers being under appointment to these areas. As soon as the war is ended and the doors reopen, appointees will be chosen and sent forth to China, French Indo-China and East Thailand, the Phillippine Islands and the Netherlands East Indies. Within the next five years it is the thought that 250 new missionaries will (D. V.) be sent out.

The following were elected to office for a three year term: Foreign Secretary, Dr. A. C. Snead; Home Secretary, Rev. H. E. Nelson, and Publication Secretary, Rev. D. J. Fant. On the Board of Managers, Revs. A. W. Tozer, L. H. Ziemer, A. C. Snead, P. R. Hyde, H. D. Stoddard, H. J. Conley, H. L. Turner, and J. A. Bandy.

Gideon Testaments On Every Battle Front

CHICAGO, Ill., June 28 — To date the Gideons have placed 7,200,000 Testaments in the armed forces and have just ordered an additional million from the publishers. This is by far the largest project of scripture distribution ever undertaken by a single organization.

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Presbyterians Adopt Religious Liberty Resolution

CHICAGO (RNS) — Freedom for religious bodies "to propagate their faith" anywhere, as well as freedom for religious worship, was demanded by the 156th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. in a resolution sent to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, the Joint Commission on Religious Liberty of the Federal Council of Churches, and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

In its report, the standing committee on Foreign Missions emphasized the Church's "love of religious freedom" and its belief in "the right of missionary freedom . . . the right under the ordinary treaty agreements of states to send missionaries to bring the message of Christ to men and women of every country."

The resolution, as adopted, read:

"That the General Assembly express its conviction that one of the 'Four Freedoms', an objective in the present world conflict, will not be attained unless an international understanding is reached without delay whereby full freedom is granted to religious bodies not only to engage in worship but also to propagate their faith.

"We would therefore call upon the Government of the United States to maintain consistently the traditional American policy of granting passport rights to the representatives of established missionary organizations, save in cases in which military considerations make the transportation of missionaries impossible or inexpedient. We would also urge the Government to use all its influence to secure that the principle of religious freedom shall be established as part of the eventual peace settlement."

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are July 3rd to July 17th. This conference ministers to Young People. The Christian Worker's Conference runs from July 17th to July 23rd. The General Conference July 23 - Aug. 6. Morning Cheer Conferences August 7 - Sept. 4. The names of Dr. Harry A. Ironside, Dr. William Pettingill and Dr. E. Schuyler speak for themselves. Write early to W. Douglas Roe, Montrose Bible Conference, Montrose, Pa.

Keewahdin Bible Conference (address 4445 Gratiot Ave., Port Huron, Mich.) The dates are July 1 to Sept. 4. A perusal of the Program promises a feast of fat things.

Atlantic City, N. J., is in the news with its Bible Conference Fridays 3 and 8 P. M. These meetings are held each Friday from June 30 to Sept. 1.

Sunrise Mountain Bible Conference, Silver Bay, New York, represents one of the great summer conferences of the whole country. Its speakers are invited to share in the Conference program because of their fidelity to the Bible as the Word of God. They are leaders in their field and speak under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Walter Kallenbach, Clarence S. Roddy, William Ward Ayer, Jack Wyrtzen, Samuel M. Zwemer, Howard W. Ferrin, Carlton Booth, Herbert Lockyer and many others will serve in these gatherings. The Meetings run for ten weeks. The dates are June 24 to Sept. 4th. Write Silver Bay, N. Y.

Gull Lake Bible and Missionary Conference July 1 to August 20. Write Lance B. Latham, 3569 Fullerton Ave., Chicago, Ill. Dr. V. R. Edman, President of Wheaton College with many other speakers of equal note will minister in this conference.

We must not overlook the Bethanna Bible and Missionary Conference held at Southampton, Pa. No one who is able to reach this great center should miss these great gatherings which run from July 1 to Sept. 4. For rates and other information write Bethanna, Second Street Pike, Southampton, Pa.

North Mountain Bible Conference runs from July 17th to Aug. 20th. Address inquiries to Robert W. Lancaster, P. O. Box 22, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. We recommend this Camp strongly. It will leave nothing to be desired on the part of those who are seeking God's best.

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Duluth Completes First Year of Week-Day Religious Education

DULUTH, Minn. (RNS) — The Duluth Week-day Christian Education program closes its first year of activity, with an enrollment record of 3,492 in schools in all parts of the city and with 55 churches participating.

To make certain of an ample supply of qualified instructors for the various classes, the director carried on a teachers' guidance course throughout the year, in weekly meetings.

In charge of the schools throughout the city, attended by boys and girls from the public schools during regular school hours, was a total faculty of 116 qualified instructors.

Among the qualifications for places on the faculty are college education or public school teaching experience or the equivalent measured by successful experience with children in club programs, Scout work, Sunday school teaching, or similar qualifying activities.

Since the classes all are held during regular public school hours, none of the faculty members is a regular public school teacher, but many of them are former public school instructors.

Directly supporting the program is the Duluth Evangelical Ministers' Association, through which 55 churches of the city are cooperating. Associated in the supporting group are Lutheran, Methodist, Persbyterian, Baptist, Evangelical, and Mission Covenant ministers and laymen.

Dr. Gordon MacLennan Elected Chairman Pittsburgh N.A.E.

On Monday May 29th the Pittsburgh District was organized for local work at a meeting held at the downtown Y.M.C.A. and presided over by Dr. H. VanCleve, Chairman of the Western Pennsylvania area. The following officers were elected at this meeting. Chairman Dr. Gordon MacLennan pastor of the Shadyside United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, Vice Chairman Dr. Frederick Fowler pastor of the Knoxville Presbyterian Church, Secretary Rev. Harold McKinney of the Evangelistic Temple, Treasurer Rev. J. Albert Tinker pastor of the Swisshelm Park Primitive Methodist Church. These officers were empowered to form an Executive Committee by adding representatives from various interested denominations.

Woburn, Mass., Church Celebrates 60th Anniversary

The Church of the Open Bible, Independently incorporated as The Evangelical Free Church of Woburn, Massachusetts, recently celebrated its sixtieth anniversary with a Deeper Life Conference, May 28-June 4, 1944. This church was among the first New England churches to join the National Association of Evangelicals. Its pastor, Rev. Carlton Helgerson, is now the chairman of the New England district.

In keeping with this church's interdenominational character several speakers from different denominations and churches were invited to participate. Rev. Don Hillis, S. A. M., missionary to India, and recently returned to this country, gave the missionary message on the evening of May 28th. Other ministers participating in the Deeper-Life conference were: Rev. Edwin K. Gedney of the Melrose Advent Christian Church; Rev. William Nicholl, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Quincy, and the Rev. Arthur C. Lambourne, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Cambridge, Mass. Pastor Helgerson gave the closing messages on Sunday, June 4.

The Evangelical Free Church, "The Church of the Open Bible," in Woburn, Mass., is now carrying its largest missionary budget, contributing to the support of 12 missionaries (in Alaska, China, South America, Africa, Arabia, India and Kentucky) and is actively interested in the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Eastern Massachusetts and the New England Fellowship. Dr. Robert Hall Glover, director-emeritus of the China Inland Mission, was the speaker at the recent convention here when the missionary budget was determined. May the Lord prosper this church in the coming years.

Ohio Lutheran Group Opposes Relations With Federal Council

COLUMBUS, Ohio (RNS)—The Ohio District of the American Lutheran Church is on record as opposed to membership in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

In a resolution, passed at the closing meeting of the 14th annual state conference here, "even a consultative" membership was rejected.

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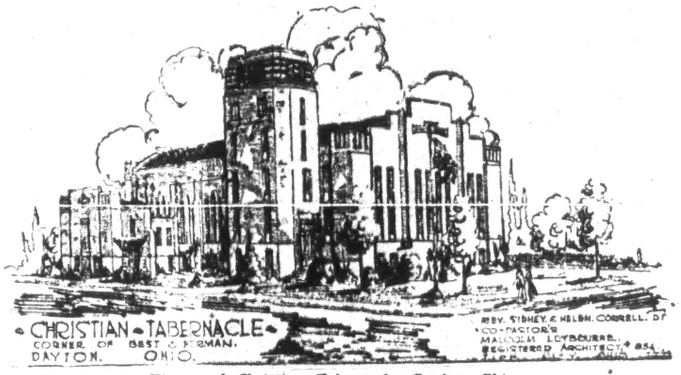

History of Christian Tabernacle, Dayton, Ohio, and Biography of Dr. Sidney Correll, Pastor

The beautiful $105,000 Christian Tabernacle, located at 51 Best street, Dayton, Ohio, is often called "The Miracle Church." In these difficult times when building programs are almost an un-heard of thing Dr. Sidney Correll, pastor of Christian Tabernacle, inspired his congregation with faith and determination to erect this magnificent church edifice, and today, Christian Tabernacle stands as a monument to that unshakable faith, a church built without mortgage.

Dr. Sidney Correll, pastor, is more than an ordinary pastor of an ordinary church. He is also an Editor, publishing the Missionary Digest, a magazine monthly, filled with interesting news and the latest up-to-the-minute accounts of missionary work of all denominations in all countries. Dr. Correll has a "missionary heart"; he travels extensively both in this country and in the Islands of the Caribbean and Mexico in the interest of missions. He has been in continuous missionary survey work since 1935 and makes a trip out of this country at least once a year. His lecture and missionary work is done entirely to assist everywhere the cause of Christ in all denominations. He is, however, the President and Founder of The World Mission, and his own church gives more than a thousand dollars each month to the supporting of the foreign missionary program. At the present time the World Mission is entirely supporting eleven missionaries, contributing toward more than half of the support of ten other missionaries in various missionary soiceties. Dr. Correll has made over fifteen missionary surveys in countries including China, Philippines, Mexico, Africa, and Cuba photographing missionaries of all denominations and their work with the natives.

Dr. Sidney Correll

Beeause of his photography work Sidney Correll was elected a year ago to the Royal Geographic Society of London, England. This is an honor that is bestowed upon only a few men each year, and he is the first Daytonian who can claim this distinction. He has taken his academic work at University of Dayton, and has studied at the Institute of Photography of New York City.

In connection with the missionary work which is so vitally a part of the ministry of this young man, he is President of the Dayton Missionary Bible Institute, a Bible College where missionaries and Christian ministers are prepared for active service. This Bible College has just recently graduated its first class and two from this class are already doing missionary work in Cuba while two others are preparing to go to this same field.

Dr. Correll is the International Missionary Representative of the World Christian Fundamentals Association with headquarters in Los Angeles, California, which necessitates him spending a great deal of time in Missionary Conference work from coast to coast.

Sidney Correll is fortunate in having a very talented, godly wife who is a preacher in her own right. He is the father of five children; the oldest seventeen and the youngest four. The eldest son has spent a great deal of time studying in the Latin American countries and this past year won first place in the Ohio State Scholarship tests in Spanish. He is also a track star and won first place in the mile in the City of Dayton. The eldest daughter is at present studying Spanish and dress making in Cuba where she has been for the past ten months. This year two of the other Correll children are going to Cuba to study the Spanish language.

Sidney Correll is a fluent speaker, he has a dynamic personality, preaches a powerful gospel, his lectures are most unusual and the motion pictures he takes and shows are the most outstanding pictures of their kind. His services are always interdenominational.

Youth Column

By C. Stacey Woods

What About College?

College this fall? Just as a matter of course—if it's financially possible? I hope not! Too many people regard college as a social necessity—the "done thing."

For the Christian the primary consideration is always God's will, not his own will or his parents' will. College entrance should mean farewell to the chief attributes of childhood; restraint, decision and discipline—from the outside; and the beginning of adulthood: self-discipline, decisions made by the individual and the assumption of personal responsibility for these decisions. Therefore, although high school attendance is normally part of parental responsibility, no student should be sent to college. He should make this decision essentially for himself—hence the necessity of seeking God's will.

God makes known His will in answer to prayer, through the Scriptures and through the circumstances of life—the open and the closed door. If you are a surrendered Christian, have been praying about college, the way opens, and if in your heart you feel you need this type of training, then probably this is God's will for you.

But perhaps we should ask ourselves—why does anyone go to college? There are a variety of reasons.

The utilitarian motive leads one to specialized training for some particular vocation such as engineering, school teaching or medicine.

A cultural motive seeks satisfaction in a broader and deeper understanding of the world at large and of the thinking of and achievement of humanity. One with this motive desires an enlarged capacity for the knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of life. He has an ambition, perhaps, to make some contribution to the welfare of mankind and to help others to realize the summum bonum of life.

A social reason for college may be the need for congenial companionship at a certain level, the brief, strong pleasure of life in that microcosm, the university campus.

All of these reasons under certain circumstances are legitimate. But please do not drift into college on someone else's initiative. Do not go there for "no particular reason at all."

If you know why you want to go to college, and are sure this is God's will, then our question narrows to one of selection. Is my alma mater to be a state university or its equivalent, a smaller liberal arts college, [illegible] contends that the Christian college age is simply unable to stand the impact and conflict of non-Christian philosophy and ideas and healthily survive. However, these people would be the first to deny that by inference such a position casts aspersion on the keeping power of the Saviour, and perhaps the integrity of the historic Christian faith.

It is true that the influence of a non-Christian college is anti-Christian, and that this influence is particularly pernicious because the thought patterns and habits of life of the average student are being formed, his character is solidifying, crystalizing. But qualitatively the average university is essentially no more anti-Christian than the whole world "which lieth in the wicked one."

If the Lord leads a student to a non-Christian college, God will keep that person through the vicissitudes and temptations of campus life, provided that the student walks before Him in obedience. And more than that, the Lord will use Christian students to be witnesses in the non-Christian environment. The Lord does not [illegible] without a witness, and a true, effective witness of the hearts of [illegible] students around [illegible] a significant factor in the cause of Christ today. [illegible] questioned whether the average student would go to college primarily to witness for Christ per se, apart from Scripture, that the Lord is leading a Christian to study in a secular university in order to strengthen [illegible] by adversity and [illegible] phase of college life [illegible] witness a good confession of Jesus Christ and [illegible] others to faith in Him. [illegible] to be remembered [illegible] and consistent [illegible] study is an important part of this witness.

Of course, it is very dangerous for any babe in Christ, unestablished in the Word, undecided as to clear-cut, experimental [illegible] der to Christ, who is [illegible] undisciplined, worldly [illegible] heart as well as action, to [illegible] a secular college apart from direct leading of God. In this weak [illegible] normal for Christian high school seniors, it seems [illegible] fectiveness of their [illegible] church training. The only [illegible] as a rule for young people this condition will [illegible] to college is an [illegible] ingly Christian [illegible] in itself is not to [illegible] safe guarantee [illegible] backsliding.

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August Conferences at Ben Lippen, North Carolina, always witness great crowds from the opening date to the close. Address Mrs. W. L. Walker, Ben Lippen, Route 4, Asheville, N. C. The dates are July 29 to August 20.

Mission Farms on Medicine Lake. June 6 - Sept. 10, 1944. Address Mission Farms, Hyland Station No. 7, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Program this year is the finest ever offered. Great speakers. Great Meetings.

Mount Hermon, California. July Bible Conference July 9 - 15. Lewis Sperry Chafer, Armin R. Gesswein and Charles E. Fuller of the "Old Fashioned Revival Hour" will attend this conference. Other conferences run from July 16 to August 20. For information write Mt. Hermon Association, Mt. Hermon, California.

The Hebrew Christian Alliance of America hold their Annual Conference at Erieside, near Cleveland, O. The dates are from August 30 to Sept. 4. Write Jacob Beinheim, 520 Melrose Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The Cedar Lakes Conferences offer a great Series of Conferences this summer. For information write Conference Manager, Conference Grounds, Cedar Lake, Indiana. The dates run from July 1 to Sept. 4.

Red Feather Lakes Bible Conference. July 24 to August 3. Write Y. M. C. A., Estes Park Conference Association Camp, Colorado.

The Maranatha Bible Conference on Lake Michigan is one of the leading gatherings of evangelicals in the country. This year's program runs from June 25 to September 4 and includes such outstanding speakers as Dr. Robert Moyer, Dr. V. E. Edman, Dr. Sale-Harrison, Mr. Wendell Loveless, Dr. Vance Havner, Dr. Harry Ironside, Dr. Herbert Lockyer and many others.

Midwest Keswick, Mound, Minn. For dates and other information write K. B Sewall, Mound, Minn.

Camp Aurora, on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Sunday to Sunday—August 6 - 13. Write Christian Business Men's Committee, 155 North Clark Street, Chicago 1, Illinois.

For a complete list of summer conventions and Bible conferences conducted by the Christian and Missionary Alliance consult The Alliance Weekly of June 17, 1944.

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DENVER, Colo.— On July 19 to July 24 the Gideons from every section of the country will be in session in the city in what is expected to be the largest convention in the history of this organization.

The conference will open with a city-wide evangelistic meeting in the City Auditorium, July 19, at 7:30 P. M., with R. G. LeTourneau as the speaker. Mr. LeTourneau is known as God's business man and is president of the R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., one of the world's largest manufacturers of heavy dirt moving machinery.

The Thursday and Friday night sessions will also be city-wide evangelistic meetings in the City Auditorium. Thursday night, A. C. Fiegert, a business man from Van West, Ohio, will be the speaker. Friday night there will be selected five-minute testimonies of outstanding Christian business men.

Sunday afternoon, Dr. Walter A. Maier of the Lutheran Hour will be the speaker at the closing city-wide Evangelistic Service. This will also be in the City Auditorium. The Denver Gideons are trying to reach the business men of Denver for our Lord through this series of meetings.

The usual business sessions will be held during the day.

Richard S. Beal, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tuscon, Arizona, will bring a series of messages entitled "Rivers in the Desert," at the Daily Bible Study Hour.

The speaker for the Saturday evening banquet July 22, will be Chaplain Arthur P. Sangpiehl of the United States Army. Chaplain Sengpiehl has served overseas and will give us a front line report of the use of the Gideon Testament by the men overseas.

Sunday morning, July 23, there will be Gideon speakers filling the pulpits of all the Protestant churches of Denver, which will number around 200.

The sessions will close with a mountain trip on Monday, July 24. This trip and the entire conference will end with an elk barbecue and sunset inspirations in the natural amphitheatre in the park of the Red Rocks near Denver.

The conference theme will be Jesus Christ: the only hope of the world.

Northern Baptist Convention Sets Campaign For Russian War Relief Kits

NEW YORK (RNS) — The Northern Baptist Convention is launching a campaign to send War Relief Kits to the people of the Soviet Union. National headquarters here expects more than 3,000 churches to participate in the project, which will get underway this summer and reach its climax in the fall.

The Baptists are especially interested in Russia because there are an estimated million co-religionists there, called either Baptists or Evangelicals. It is hoped that avenues will be opened after the war to permit an intensified ministry to this group.

The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Women's Foreign Mission Society will sponsor the project for War Relief Kits, aided by White Cross groups in the local churches. The kits include sugar, soap, bouillon cubes, hard candies, sewing materials, evaporated milk, cookies, socks, towels, darning cotton, workmen's gloves, and other articles. A similar campaign has been conducted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Swedish Salvation Army Leader To Visit U. S.

STOCKHOLM (by wireless) (RNS) — Commander Karl Larsson, head of the Salvation Army in Sweden, will shortly visit the United States, it was announced here.

The Swedish official is expected to make the Pacific Coast area the starting point of an extensive tour of American cities, and will address many Salvation Army gatherings during his stay.

Commander Larsson has been with the Salvation Army since 1890 and is the organization's leading representative of Scandinavian interests as well as editor-in-chief of its Scandinavian publications. He was previously in charge of work in Czechoslovakia, Finland, and South America, and during the first world war worked in Russia.

Danish Lutherans Adopt $69,927 Budget

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS) —A budget of $69,927 for all mission purposes was adopted by delegates to the 48th annual conventions of the United Danish Lutheran Church in America, meeting at Medicine Lake, near here.

The delegates also voted to authorize the board of foreign missions to call and send another missionary to South America when such arrangements can be made.

Reports Religious Activities Among U. S. Prisoners In Germany

STOCKHOLM (by wireless) (RNS) — American war prisoners in Germany are "more religious than during normal times," according to an article in the Stockholm newspaper, Nyadagligt Allehanda, written by Tanya Binaco-Pravitz, wife of a Swedish correspondent in Berlin.

In one of the camps she visited, the writer says, the prisoners have decorated a "beautiful little chapel" for use by Roman Catholics and Protestants alike. Protestant services are held every Wednesday. The Protestant prisoners also hold frequent Bible hours.

Southern Presbyterians Approve Missions Rehabilitation Fund

MONTREAT, N. C. (RNS) — A rehabilitation fund for foreign missions of $400,000, or 10 dollars from each elder and deacon in the denomination, was approved by the 84th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., conditioned on its approval by the executive committee on foreign missions.

Four elders were appointed as a steering committee for the campaign. The executive committee was urged by the Assembly to work toward a reoccupation fund of $1,000,000, a considerable part of which has already been provided.

Baptist Pastor Is First U. S. Chaplain In Russian

AN AMERICAN AIR BASE IN RUSSIA (RNS) (by wireless) — A Baptist pastor from Hingham, Mass., is the first United States army chaplain in Soviet Russia. He is the Rev. Clarence G. Strippy, formerly minister of a church in the Boston suburb and now attached to the Eastern Command of the U. S. Air Forces. His job is to travel to and from American bases set up in various parts of the Soviet Union. He spends three days in each center, holding services for Protestant and Jewish soldiers, and assisting Catholics to organize their own devotions.

The diminutive 39-year-old clergyman — he is a mere five-feet-four and weighs 133 pounds — has an imposing list of "firsts" on his service record. He was the first U. S. chaplain in Bagdad, the first to hold religious services for the American Army in the Syrian Desert, the first to welcome American WACs to his station in England, and the first to give orientation lectures to American service women abroad.

When newspaper correspondents first arrived at this base, they saw a wiry, sun-tanned American leading a crowd of United States and Russian soldiers in the singing of "Tipperary." The scene was an open-air theatre built by the Russians.

"Who's the man leading you fellows?" a correspondent asked an American lieutenant. The officer turned in surprise.

"Why, that's our 'chappie.' Our chaplain, you know. The best man in the camp."

Much of Chaplain Strippy's work is to bring his "boys" and the Russians into close friendship. One commentator, impressed by the chaplain's activities, described him as a "one-man service department." He has made music his hobby, and has been keenly interested in athletics since his student days in Mercer College, Ga.

Talking to correspondents, Chaplain Strippy commended the Soviet authorities for making available to the U. S. Army all the space it needs for cemeteries.

"This matter, which would be so simple in other countries," he said, "might have met a snag here, since land cannot be bought from private owners because all land belongs to the nation as a whole. But the Russians gave us land with the understanding that we may treat it as our own."

Scottish Bible Society Ships 650,000 Scriptures To Troops in Normandy

LONDON (RNS) (by wireless) — The National Bible Society of Scotland has shipped more than 650,000 copies of the Scriptures to air-borne troops in Normandy as well as to soldiers in Italy and other war areas.

Entire cost of providing the religious literature has been met by the society itself, since no government grant is available for the purpose.

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In fact, there are some people today who tell us that no Christian can go to a non-Christian university and be completely in God's will. Advocates of this position are of two schools of thought. One reasons that all education should be integrated around the essentially Christian concept of life, and that the facts of life can only be truly understood when interpreted in the light of the essential Christian philosophy. The other school of thought less worthily

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Before we go further, it is well to be careful lest we be misunderstood. We are not opposed to Jews as people, nor to Roman Catholics as such, nor to people in the denominations as individuals. But we are opposed to evil. As those who believe in the Bible, our mission of evangelization is two-fold—we must love righteousness AND WE MUST HATE INIQUITY. We must oppose evil and sin wherever it is, whether it is in organized Judaism, Romanism, or modernism. We must oppose evil whether it is in our hearts, our homes, our schools, our churches, or our governments.

Here we must not forget that this great and sinister world system of Babylon is organized. It is a system of consummate evil. It has a commercial as well as spiritual aspect. It has power in the commerce and industry of all the world. It seeks to control, for its own benefits alone, the press, the radio and governments. The gates of hell have organized, and they are throwing themselves against the true church and the Gospel and all truth to destroy them.

Just as the enemy is united and organized AGAINST righteousness and truth, even so must God's assembly unit and organize FOR righteousness. God's people are here. We must unite. All over our fair nation and world there are forming small but effective groups of people who are reading the Bible, who are praying, and who are evangelizing, and who are hating evil. For years this movement has been going on. Today one can go throughout the length and breath of our beautiful America, and in nearly every town and village can be found groups of godly, spiritual people reading the Bible, praying, evangelizing, and hating sin. It is like a breath of cool fresh air in a damp dark place to meet some of these people in far flung, out of the way places. The fragrance of their lives is as that of a new blown rose to one in the throes of a fever. Times of refreshing are here, and more are coming.

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Evangelicals Form Industrial Chaplaincy Commission

BOSTON (RNS)—A National Commission on Industrial Chaplaincies, authorized at the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals at Columbus, Ohio, is now being formed, according to Dr. J. Elwin Wright, field secretary of the organization.

R. F. Nelson of the Arma Corporation of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been named temporary chairman of the Commission, which is expected to consist of nine to 11 members, two or three of whom will be clergymen, and the rest industrialists. The executive committee of the N.A.E., meeting here June 14-15, will complete formation of the group.

Present plans call for a national conference of business executives at Chicago in September to discuss plans to provide industry with spiritual leadership through factory chaplains, a program that has met with considerable success in Great Britain.

Salem Pastor Conducts A Community Program Through Medium of Radio

About four years ago, while attending a ministers' meeting, the Reverend Clarence Baker, pastor of the Singing Church of Salem, Massachusetts, became burdened for a gospel ministry over the air that would reach the 300,000 people that live along the North Shore of this part of the Atlantic coast, just north of the city of Boston.

Rev. Clarence Baker

After much prayer and waiting on the Lord, Mr. Baker launched a radio program over the local station in the town of Salem. Out of this effort has grown a remarkable ministry. Several distribution campaign has been carried on among the members are worthy of mention. A Bible Program is being conducted among the armed forces in the Salem area along with a chapel program at the local United States Coast Guard station. A prayer fellowship has been borne out of this ministry and many are the letters of answered petitions of those who requested intercessory prayer in their behalf. Last but not least is the great home visitation program that is being conducted both to those who have heard the Gospel over the air for the first time and those who are shut-ins and cannot attend church.

A program called the Chapel of the Air is conducted each Sunday morning at 8:30, and Morning Echoes, conducted every Saturday morning at 9:30 over station WESX.

Mr. Baker is president of the North Shore Evangelical Ministers and a member of the National Association of Evangelicals.

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what school will best meet you needs for pre-med, pre-theology, etc. If you have had no adequate Bible teaching in your church, you may want an undergraduate college where this is taught.

If so, make sure that the college you choose is thoroughly and uncompromisingly evangelical. Many so-called Christian colleges are anti-Christian and more dangerous to Christian faith than the state university where opposition is open. A school that teaches the Bible as anything less than the divine, authoritative revelation of God in its entirety will do you more harm than good.

To sum up, once you know what you want in college, it is comparatively easy to choose, and it is quite easy to obtain all necessary information about a college's standing, its courses, etc. But be sure and check this carefully. Make certain that the credits of the college of your choice really will be accepted by other schools. Insist on this, and watch out for high-pressure advertising which glosses over these facts in vague generalities.

Suppose you are not certain of your vocation. What then? Well, choose a liberal arts college of high scholastic rating, possibly a thoroughly Christian college for a year or two, and keep on praying. God will clarify His will for your life work.

But if you are being led to a secular school, try to choose one that has a strong fundamental student Christian association where you will find the warm fellowship of other students and opportunity for an evangelical witness. But be on your guard —not every student association bearing the name of Christian is really so. Check up on the basis of faith and national affiliation.

Suppose God leads you to a secular university where there is no truly spiritual and evangelistic student fellowship organization? What then? Make it a matter of prayer. Visit the local evangelical churches and try to meet some other Christian students. With them you will be able to start a prayer group, a Bible study class and launch a real effort to win fellow collegians to Christ.

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Church Of The Nazarene Votes To Double Its Accomplishments

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS)—A goal of 1,000 new churches and a 50,000 gain in membership during the 1944-48 quadrennium was set before the Church of the Nazarene at its 11th quadrennial assembly here.

Attainment of the objective would require approximately twice the accomplishment of the past quadrennium, it was pointed out by the church's four general superintendents, who recommended the goal.

In a report read by Dr. J. B. Chapman, Kalamazoo, Mich., one of the four general superintendents, the superintendents warned:

"Our church is a mechanism that can stand only while it moves forward. To stop is to fall. The times require that we be a crusade, not a cult. Mere self-preservation will mean stagnation for us. Our hope is in aggression. Our church is a force for which the whole world is the field. Our lives are to be channels, not pools."

During the past quadrennium, according to the report, Nazarene ministers and people have held 1,200,000 public prayer and preaching services, the Sunday schools and missionary societies have each conducted 500,000 sessions, and ministers have made 2,500,000 pastoral calls.

It was estimated aggregate attendance at all Nazarene services in the four-year period exceeded 40,000,000 and that ministers and people of the church made more than 5,000,000 contacts in connection with personal evangelism.

The report also revealed that in the past quadrennium there were 74,898 professions of regeneration or of sanctification at the church's altars; a net church membership gain of 24,761; membership in the home fields (United States, Canada, and the British Isles) of 186,248, with enough organized churches of foreign mission fields to bring the total to about 200,000; 3,048 churches in the home fields, with 431 organized during the past quadrennium; and 3,576 elders and 1,412 licensed ministers in the church's ministry.

The report warned against yielding to the temptation of praying for "peace at any price," declaring:

"Having come this far, it is better that we go on through than that we should stop or go back. Our prayer is not alone for peace, but for victory and for peace. We know there are complications involved. We admit there are many good Christians in the Axis nations.

"But we hope ours is not a partisan prayer. We believe that the peace of the world and the promotion of the gospel in the world requires that the Allies shall win this war and write the terms of the peace. Our prayer is that they may win, both in war and in peace. Not alone for our sakes, but also for the sake of those who are now called our enemies, and for all the world besides."

At a missionary rally, 53 missionaries from foreign lands participated.

Southern Presbyterians Refer Chaplaincy Charges To Committee

MONTREAT, N. C. (RNS) — An overture asking the Navy Department that "chaplains serving under it be protected from orders of their commanding officers to do things that are in violation of their consciences as Christian ministers" was referred to committee by the 84th General Assembly here of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

Chaplain Frederick Volbeda of Washington asserted that some naval officers are forbidding chaplains to preach "repentance and danger of hell," and that his own commanding officer once told him he would "have no hell fire preaching" aboard ship.

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Lions Club Petitions Clergymen To Deliver War Dept. Death Messages

BATON ROUGE, La. (RNS) — The North Baton Rouge Lions Club has voted unanimously to petition clergymen personally to deliver death messages from the War Department to the family. Under the proposed plan, the telegraph office would notify clergymen who would in turn drop by the home of the war victim. The resolution stipulated that the clergyman either deliver the telegram or accompany the messenger boy to the home.

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We must organize for righteousness. WE NEED NOT ORGANIZE FOR PEACE, for peace is a by-product of righteousness. The WAY of peace is righteousness. There is only ONE WAY of peace, and that way is RIGHTEOUSNESS. Do righteousness, and peace will follow as day follows night. In organization, one must put the emphasis where it rightly belongs. We must stress righteousness -- righteousness in the individual, in the home, in the church, and in the state. Then one will be serving the purpose for which he is called. Brethren, let us unite that we may encourage every existing agency for good in all the world.

And let us discourage evil in every agency in the world. Then our mission will be successful -- more so than we have dreamed, and future generations will see in the sands of time the footprints of the reformers and the reformation of the twentieth century, and they will be encouraged even as we are blessed. Let us go on.

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"We submit our doctrinal declarations and our record through the years to the scrutiny of all American Lutherans. We believe that such an examination of the record and of our declarations, if conducted in a sympathetic and understanding spirit, will reveal that we are brethren.

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However, if you are in God's will, go on with Him. Do not worry. Trust, and all will be well. He is able to keep. If you are led to a Christian college, thank God with all your heart, but do not trust the Christian environment and teaching, trust the Lord. Watch out for spiritual flabbiness and inertia through lack of opposition. The Christian life is a fight. Wherever you are, the Devil will attack you. Go on with God yourself. Watch out also against the danger of living in another world, failing to understand the world of unconverted men and women with whom ultimately you have to live, and before whom you have to witness.

If God's choice for you is a secular college, do not whine and sigh for the blessings of the green pastures and the still waters of a spiritual campus. God is calling you to fellowship with Him in His rejection, and to stand with Him and suffer outside the camp. He is there, too. In the fiery furnace of anti-Christian opposition where you and a few other Christian students walk alone, a fourth will be with you "like unto the Son of God." You are to venture forth into the storm-swept uplands with Christ. With Him you will seek the lost. With Him you will return saying, "Rejoice with me. I have found the sheep that was lost," for the secular campus is your mission field and your glorious opportunity. God has set you over there to be His witness—His missionary—His ambassador.

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Rev. Wm. P. Gillies Reports on Columbus Convention

...ver, June 5 — The ...Presbyterian Church of ...again the meeting ...evangelicals of this ...gathered in large num... ...report of the re... ...Convention. The ...held yesterday after... William P. Gillies, ...chairman of the Denver committee, presented the principal report.

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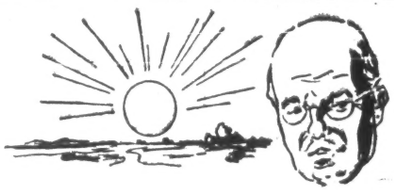

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Dutch Mission Groups To Have Official Church Backing

STOCKHOLM (RNS) (by wireless) — Final endorsement is expected early next year of a plan to establish closer relationships between missionary societies in Holland and the Netherlands Reformed Church, according to reports reaching here.

Under arrangements now being discussed, the Netherlands Reformed Church will officially accept responsibility for the work of the mission organizations. This means that the federated mission societies will no longer function merely as private groups, but, for the first time, will have the official backing of the church. In addition, missionaries will be given a definite status in the church, so that even if they have not had full theological training, they can be elected as pastors.

Reports for 1943 reveal progress in missionary work. Total income was 950,000 guilders ($503,000), this being the second time in the history of Dutch missions that such a figure was reached.

Missionary buildings at Oegstgeest were ordered evacuated by German occupation authorities, but other buildings were secured in the neighborhood, where 18 candidates are now in training. Fifteen students have completed their courses and are now ready for the foreign mission field, together with eight missionaries now on leave. Twenty young medical doctors have offered their services to the missionary doctors when activity is resumed in the Netherlands East Indies after the war.

The societies have had virtually no information as to the situation of their missionaries in Japanese-held areas. It is known that Roman Catholic missionaries have been interned, and it is assumed that Protestant missionaries are in the same situation.

With regard to the future, it is taken for granted that the Council of Missions in Batavia will be the body which makes decisions concerning distribution of missionaries over the various fields. Thus the main executive responsibility will be transferred from Oegsteest to Batavia. It is also expected that the missionaries will no longer play a dominant role in church affairs of the Indies, but will be integrated in the life of the younger churches.

The missions have made it clear that they stand for the principle of progressive autonomy for the Netherlands East Indies. The main problems concerning the future of the Indies are being discussed with Indonesian students now in Holland, who have indicated full confidence in the attitude of the missions. A conference of 40 Indonesian representatives with 40 leaders of the missionary movement will meet shortly.

Plans have been announced for the publication of a scientific missionary magazine, to be issued after the war.

Church Votes To Withdraw From World Council

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (RNS) — Withdrawal from the World Council of Churches was voted by the 114th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church here on the grounds that last year's Assembly "acted hastily" in accepting the Council's invitation to membership without giving the matter "sufficient thought and prayerful consideration."

The General Assembly also asserted that "our constituency is not yet sufficiently informed as to the purpose and stipulations of this Council."

It was further argued that the Bible repudiates modernism, skepticism, or theories which cast doubt or raise questions about the accuracy of spiritual statements, the miracles, and the deity of Christ, and that the World Council includes denominations "which do not adhere to such attitudes."

The Assembly called for stricter observance of the Sabbath, and endorsed a drive against liquor and beer.

The Service Men's Christian League was approved and the Rev. Morris Pepper, Union City, Tenn., and the Rev. M. F. Allen, Memphis, Tenn., were appointed as representatives to the League.

A layman, Elder I. M. Baughm of Jackson, Tenn., was elected moderator. Next year's Assembly will be held at Lewisburg, Tenn. in May.

American Committee For World Council Adopts Articles Of Organization

(Printed as information without intention to endorse)

NEW YORK (RNS) — The American Committee for the World Council of Churches adopted articles of organization at its June meeting here, thus placing the body officially under control of the 28 denominations in the U. S. that have voted to become members of the World Council.

Since 1937, the group has been known as the Joint Executive Committee for the "Life and Work" and the "Faith and Order" Movements, growing out of the Oxford and Edinburgh international church conferences. The committee has been functioning unofficially, but as the number of churches which have voted to join the World Council has steadily increased, and as the first meeting of the Council is still in the indefinite future, the committee is being re-established on the basis of direct appointment by member churches.

It was suggested at the April meeting that the group be called the "Committee in the United States of America for the World Council of Churches," but the June session recommended the "American Committee for the World Council of Churches" as a substitute, and it is expected that this name will be ratified in October.

Dr. Douglas Horton, secretary of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, was elected chairman of the American Committee, succeeding the late Dr. William Adams Brown, who died in December.

It was decided that the annual meeting of the American Committee will be held in New York Dec. 12, 1944. It will be open to all who are interested in the ecumenical movement.

Unity Is Issue At Convention

SAGINAW, Mich. (RNS)—Proposals for furthering unity with other Lutheran bodies of America was among the important issues at the centennial convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missiour, Ohio, and other States held here June 21-30. Delegates representing 5,337 congregations and preaching stations with 1,460,203 members attended the triennial gathering.

Another vital issue was the changing of the Missouri Synod's name to one which would more adequately define and truly represent the denomination's activities throughout the world.

Other matters scheduled for consideration included:

Expansion of the foreign mis-

United Presbyterians Seek Union With Three Other Presbyterian Bodies

NEW CONCORD, Ohio (RNS) —The 86th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, in session here, authorized its church relations committee to seek negotiations with three other Presbyterian bodies, looking toward union with any one or all of them.

The action was taken without a dissenting vote, to the surprise of even the strongest United Presbyterian proponents of union plans.

The other denominational bodies are the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of the South (membership, 20,000), the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. (Southern Presbyterians, 600,000), and the Reformed Church in the U. S. (Dutch Reformed, 160,000). The United Presbyterian membership, including mission churches, is 250,000. Should a union of all four groups be effected, membership of the unified body would exceed one million.

Delegates in the assembly also voted to expand the church relations committee from seven to nine members. Suggestion was made that the two additional members represent U. P. women's organizations.

Union of the four Presbyterian groups named was strongly advocated by the retiring moderator, Dr. W. Bruce Wilson, Pittsburgh, in the opening sermon of the General Assembly.

Dr. Gilbert R. Kerr, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., addressed the General Assembly at one session.

"I believe the tendency in our denomination (Associate Reformed Presbyterian) is toward a union with the United Presbyterians," Dr. Kerr said. "I am not an instructed delegate, but any silence you note, I think, gives consent. I am confident that our denomination will adopt your United Presbyterian Psalter-Hymnal in the near future, breaking away from the traditional Psalms in order that we may better meet the needs of today."

Telegrams of fraternal greetings from moderators of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A., and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, were read to the General Assembly. Messages of appreciation were ordered sent in response.

The assembly instructed its committee on church relations to study the proposed constitution for a proposed merger of eight interdenominational agencies to form a National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Consultation with sister evangelical denominations on their attitudes toward the proposed constitution was requested of the church relations committee, which was instructed to report its findings to a succeeding General Assembly prior to 1949, by which time action seeking charter membership would have to be taken.

Dr. James H. Grier, Monmouth, Ill., moderator of the General Assembly, was authorized to appoint up to 10 United Presbyterian delegates to a second interdenominational "Deleware"-type conference on the bases of a just and durable peace, proposed to be held Jan. 16-19, 1945, at a place yet to be designated. The original conference of this nature was held at Delaware, Ohio, on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Brethren Moderator Stresses Need For Cooperation With Other Christian Groups

HUNTINGDON, Pa. (RNS) — The need for increasing cooperation with other Christian groups and for cultivating intensely the fields of Christian endeavor throughout the world were emphasized here as guiding principles for the Church of the Brethren (Dunkers). The speaker was Dr. Charles G. Ellis, moderator of the denomination's 158th recorded Conference.

In stressing the importance of a cooperative viewpoint, Dr. Ellis implied that the battle should not be between Christians, but between Christians and modern-day secularism. Former president of Juniata College here, Dr. Ellis has twice been moderator of the annual Conference.

Danish Lutherans Hear Plea For Peace Leadership

MINNEAPOLIS, Miss. (RNS) —America must show a strong hand in establishing peace among the nations after the war through "the leadership of our best men," delegates of the United Danish Lutheran Church in America were told at their annual convention at Medicine Lake near here.

Speaking at a memorial service honoring the church's 3,800 men and women in the armed forces, Maj. James C. Petersen, Fresno, Calif., army chaplain, declared "our incompetence in leadership in the world" brought the war to this country.

"It is disheartening to think we did not have a strong hand of world leadership to avoid a catastrophe like this," he said.

The Rev. K. M. Mathiesen, Edmonton, Alberta, vice-president of the church, told the convention "a Christian invasion to liberate those who are enslaved by sin calls for the same kind of sacrifice and devotion needed for the

Delegates Vote Name Change At Convention

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS) —Delegates to the convention of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America voted 766 to 269 to eliminate "Norwegian" from the synod's name.

Balloting followed an hour and a half debate in which eleven pastors and laymen spoke in favor of the name change and eight argued against it.

The vote, however, does not make the name change final. Under the constitution, the resolution must be re-submitted at a succeeding convention (in 1946) and approved by two-thirds of the delegates. Only a simple majority is required for approval on first reading.

Proponents are confident that the final change will be forthcoming in 1946 and have begun casting about for a new name. Suggested substitutes are "National Lutheran Church of America," "Evangelical Lutheran Church," "Lutheran Church in America," and "United Lutheran Synod."

It is doubtful that a new name for the synod will be selected now, but a trial ballot of suggestions may be voted.

In recommending the name change, the synod's church council pointed out that the present name is a handicap, particularly in home mission endeavors.

"Many who are not of Norwegian extraction, but would gladly join a Lutheran Church, hesitate to join us because of our name," the council said. Opponents argued that the time for change is "unfortunate," that local congregations should be given more time for discussion, and that the

Nazarene Approves Post-Grad. School

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS)—Establishment of a central seminary to furnish post-graduate training for its pastors and missionaries was voted by the Church of the Nazarene at its 11th quadrennial assembly here.

Assembly delegates also voted to appropriate $100,000 to start the institution, site of which is expected to be Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Columbus, Chicago, or Detroit.

Reformed Church To Campaign For Church Extension

BUCK HILLS FALLS, Pa. (RNS) — An aggressive campaign of church extension in America, calling for a five-year program of 25 new churches every year, was approved here by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

The Synod heard that the Domestic Mission Board was supporting 125 churches and missions, 12 of which had become self-supporting during the past year. More than $380,000 was received for the board's work.

In considering the American Indian, the Synod noted that ancestry have restored to them their full rights as citizens and be allowed to exercise their freedom in the choice of residence and occupation. Copies of the resolution were sent to President Roosevelt and the Secretaries of War and the Interior.

In spite of the shortage of clergymen, the Synod refused to lower the standards for admission to seminaries, insisting that all candidates must have the A. B. degree or its equivalent.

Gifts for Christian Education, it was announced, exceeded $180,000 last year, the highest

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The new seminary, first post-graduate institution of the body, is expected to be started this fall with enrollment of 100-150 clergymen. The course is expected to take two years, with a Bachelor of Divinity degree given upon completion.

Dr. Russel V. Delong, Gary, Ind., superintendent of the Northwest Indiana District, headed the commission which pushed the seminary proposal.

Thirteen trustees of the seminary will be elected.

Danish Church Hold Convention In Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS)—Establishment of a service commission to aid its men and women in the armed forces was voted by the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at its annual convention at Mission Farms, Medicine Lake, near here.

Three commissioners appointed by the synodical board will be in charge of working out programs to benefit service men and women during the war and in the post-war rehabilitation period.

The church also voted to create a home mission council to investigate the possibility of opening new Lutheran mission fields in this country and Canada.

A budget of $23,650 was voted for the 1944-45 fiscal year, an increase of $1,000 over the previous year.

Parents Clinic Set Up In Detroit

DETROIT, Mich. (RNS) — Instruction in the religious duties toward a child is included in the curriculum of a School for Parents established by the Dearborn Municipal Court.

A mother, who pleaded guilty to neglecting a minor child, left alone several hours while she toured nearby taverns, was the first person sentenced to attend the school, an innovation in Michigan. In addition to instruction on her religious duties, she will take courses in dietetics, personal hygiene, home economics, adult and child recreation, and legal responsibilities toward a child.

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In considering the American Indian, the Synod asked the office of Indian Affairs to use every possible means to secure release from wardship of those Indians who are ready to assume their rights and duties as citizens.

It was urged that at the earliest possible moment, loyal American citizens of Japanese

[illegible] of the Church's Army and Navy Commission, and Dr. Paul [illegible] of Minneapolis, secretary of the United States ball team [illegible]. Delegates [illegible] approximately 1,200 churches and preaching stations with 1,460,320 members attended the triennial gathering.

Another vital issue was the changing of the Missouri Synod's name to one which would more adequately define and truly represent the denomination's activities throughout the world.

Other matters scheduled for consideration included:

Expansion of the foreign mission program in China, Africa, South America, and India.

Advancement of the secondary and college educational program for the church-owned schools of the Synod.

Recommendations of the Church's Army and Navy Commission concerning the more than 100,000 men and women of the Synod serving in the armed forces.

Post-war plans for serving the European countries affected by the war.

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"The time has come for the church to go on the offensive," Mr. Mathiesen said. "We are met in convention to participate in an invasion that will release enslaved men through the power of God."

Evangelist Appleman Has Lead Many To Christ In Campaigns

FORT WORTH, Tex., June 27—In six state wide revivals held in Mississippi recently 6,572 responded to the appeal of Evangelist Appelman to accept Christ as their Saviour and unite with the church. In Jacksonville, Florida, 125 received Christ in an eight day meeting. Over 140 more found the Lord in campaigns at Latonea and Calvary Baptist Churches in Covington, Ky.

In Hinson Memorial Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon, 53 took the step in one meeting. More than 350 responded to the call in Duluth in meetings held during May.

[illegible] Pastor Clyde Taylor declared, "Christianity is the same as a hundred generations in home mission endeavors.

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Speaking in favor of the change, the Rev. C. K. Preus, Perth Amboy, N. J., told delegates "we should dispel once and for all the idea we are a reception center for immigrants."

Church Body Votes For Radio Budget

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (RNS)—The Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches has voted to establish a Radio Committee with a budget of $25,000 to promote better religious broadcasting for Congregational and other Protestant groups.

Organization of the committee was placed in the hands of two board officers, Dr. Truman B. Douglass, and Dr. William Frazier, both of New York. Membership will include three directors and other co-opted members, including representatives from the General Council of Congregational Churches.

It is hoped that the committee will be able to start work by October 1. One of its functions will be to offer field service to Congregational ministers who already have time on the air and who desire program resources and held in adapting material to the medium of radio.

Schools Study Bible Courses

RALEIGH, N. C. (RNS)—The Raleigh Ministerial Association, meeting with representative laymen, has just approved unanimously a project calling for the introduction of Bible courses in the Public schools of the city, and has appointed a committee to confer with the city school board to work out necessary details.

Lutherans Write New Text Books

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (RNS)—Pointing out that "one of the needs of our time is the elimination of the anti-Christian bias in many public school textbooks," the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, at its biennial convention here, adopted a resolution calling for concerted action with other Christian church bodies to determine what might be done to eliminate the alleged bias.

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Swedish Missionary to Make U. S. Goodwill Tour After War

STOCKHOLM (RNS) (by wireless) — Tentative plans to send a representative of the Swedish Missionary Society on a goodwill visit to the United States after the war were discussed here at the annual meeting of the Swedish-American Association.

The church official, it was suggested, would cooperate with American missionaries of Swedish descent in an effort to stimulate interest in Sweden and to strengthen ties between missionary interests in the two countries.

The association voted to publish in English an illustrated informative booklet on Swedes, stressing the activities of the Swedish missionary groups. The booklet will be distributed among young people in the United States through missionary societies there.

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The bacteriology class at Sterling grew the mold upon different culture media in order to learn something about its food requirements and the environmental factors which affect its growth. It was transferred to plate cultures of bacteria in order to demonstrate its germ-killing power. It was also planned to demonstrate the production of the crude drug in sterile bandages to be used as dressings for surface wounds and infections but since the pure penicillin is now being produced in large amounts the use of the crude drug is no longer so urgent. It is planned to keep the culture of the mold growing in the laboratory and to use it as a subject for study in the classes in Botany and Biology.

Dr. J. H. Grier Becomes United Presbyterian Moderator

NEW CONCORD, Ohio (RNS) — Dr. James Harper Grier, president of Monmouth College at Monmouth, Ill., was elected moderator of the 86th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America at its opening session here. He succeeds Dr. W. Bruce Wilson of Pittsburgh, Pa.

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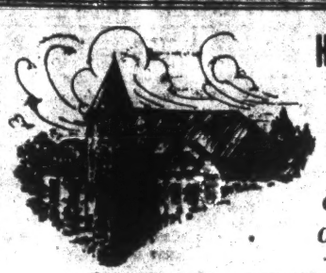

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The Poison of Modernism

Its Ingredients and Deadly Effects

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The Church was once invincible; today it is powerless. At one time its pews were filled; now they are empty. In days gone by, it prayed for revivals and made soul-winning its main business; in our day, revivals are feared and evangelists shunned. Why the great change?

I answer with one word—Modernism. Yes, Modernism has done its deadly work and the Church of the New Testament, and of Wesley and Finney, Moody and Spurgeon, is no more. Its triumphs are over. It has lost its passion.

As a result, the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: "Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people" (60:2). Oh, what a tragedy! No message! No vision! No hope for those who look to the church for salvation! German Modernism and Higher Criticism have won the day.

But there are those, thank God, who have not yet bowed the knee to Baal. They know that the Gospel works and that nothing else does, and they cannot be shaken. They place the infallible Word of God and His Christ over against all the vain opinions and imaginations of the natural mind.

The Subtle Solicitation to Doubt

Rather would I have my children uneducated than to send them to a modernistic college or seminary. Better to go through life without a degree than to have injected the poison of Modernism. Of what value is a theological course if it takes away the Word of God? The preacher, above all men, must have a message. Modernism robs him of his convictions and fills his mind with doubts. And to destroy another's faith is a far more heinous crime than murder.

I have known young men to be sent to a modernistic college, young men established in the faith and truly converted. They have gone from an evangelistic church with a deeply spiritual atmosphere; hence they were well grounded before they left. In fact, some of them had attended a Bible institute. It was taken for granted that they could go anywhere and remain true. They were warned about Modernism before they left. And yet, within a few short months, they had opened their minds to the subtle teachings of Modernism.

Hence it becomes abundantly evident that but few young men, regardless of their training, with their immature minds, can go through a modernistic institution and remain true. The professors of Modernism seem to delight in casting doubt on the Word of God, and throwing out questions and suggestions that mature students

Dr. Oswald J. Smith

aren't inspired at all; others are partially inspired.

A Hollow Shell of Belief

"Then they believe in the resurrection of Christ, but not a bodily resurrection, just a living on of the principles and ideals of Jesus. He lived a spotless life and died. After He had died, the heartsick disciples suddenly came to a realization of the fact that the work of Christ could still be carried on because His ideals were still alive. The spirit with which He sought to change the world still lived on. This was the resurrection. When the Bible says that the disciples saw Him, it means that they saw in their hearts this great truth. The story of the empty tomb was rigged up by the writers of the Gospels to satisfy the century-old belief of the Jews in the fact that there would be a bodily resurrection.

"They believe in the Second Coming of Christ, but that was merely the coming of the Holy Spirit.

"Christ was just a man whose personality was such that, by the power of suggestion, He could heal the sick.

"They believe in the personal commitment to Christ, but this is merely a commitment to live up to the principles of Jesus and work for the building of a better world.

"So you see, according to these views our faith is pretty well shot and not worth much.

"While I was alone I began to think, and I realized that in spite of all these things I had had a personal experience with the living Christ. If Christ lives, then the resurrection story of the Bible must be true, and it follows that the Bible must be the Word of God. At once I became established. You can find it if you want to, for there are still a few, thank God, that have not bowed the knee to Baal.

We must demand that the Modernist prove his every statement. He says the body of Christ was not raised. Let him prove it. The disciples, he declares, manufactured the story of the empty tomb. Let him prove it. Lazarus was not raised from the dead. Prove it. Jesus never walked on the water. Again, I say, let him prove it. He can't and he knows it.

Every book and almost every chapter in the Bible records supernatural events. Do away with the supernatural and you do away with the Bible. Cannot God intervene in the affairs of men? And would He not? Why rule Him out? Why the desperate attempt to explain everything in a natural way? Isn't it to be expected that God would commune with men? And if the Word of the Lord comes to men—and a thousand times over the Bible says it did—and if that Word was fulfilled, as it always was, who is the Modernist to question it?

"Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?" (Acts 26: 8); or heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, or give sight to the blind, and hearing to the deaf; or protect Daniel from the lions, and take the Israelites across the Jordan on dry land; or talk to men and send angels with messages; or do anything else that He wants to? Why?

What do I mean by Modernism? How can it be detected? Briefly, by the following marks:

1. Modernism lays emphasis on education, social service, and world-betterment instead of on evangelism.

"We have given up all hope of saving this generation. Our efforts are now directed toward the next. No more missionaries will be sent out to merely evangelize. Our hope is in education."—The secretary of a large denominational mission board.

Modernism expects to save the world and thus usher in the millennium, whereas the Bible teaches that the purpose of the Gospel is to save men out of the world.

2. Modernism proclaims salvation by character in the place of salvation by blood.

"I do not believe in the doctrine of salvation by blood. Thank God, I am not saved by the blood of anydne. Salvation by blood is the Gospel of the butcher shop."—A Modernist.

"We cannot accept the substitutionary death of Christ."—A church magazine.

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trust, since they manufactured the story that they told.

(c) It spiritualizes the second coming of Christ, and declares that His followers were entirely mistaken.

(d) Its great purpose is to destroy faith in the supernatural

"We cannot accept the Bible as authoritative."—A church magazine.

Yet "modern scholarship" has not succeeded in producing a better.

4. Modernism strikes at the deity of Jesus Christ and seeks to undermine His infallibility. It declares that Christ lived a spotless life, and then it makes Him out a liar, for it denies His claims of deity.

"Jesus spoke in accommodation with the ideas of His contemporaries and held the current Jewish notions."—A Modernist.

"Those who record the Virgin Birth were doubtless influenced by pagan fables, seeking by these to secure for Him the honour of celestial paternity."—A Modernist.

5. Moderism is based on guesses, suppositions, speculations, opinions and human philosophies, and not upon facts.

6. Modernism has no answer for the question: "What comes after death?" Since the Bible is ruled out as an authority and we have no other source of knowledge, we are left to mere guesswork. Philosophers, professors, and scientists simply do not know. They have no message for the death-bed.

Therefore, this Modernism

New Pension Idea Adopted By Methodists

BUFFALO, N. Y. (RNS) — A new pension-fund system for retired clergymen, similar to that of school teachers in New York State, was adopted by the Genesee Conference of the Methodist Church at its annual session here.

The program would establish a permanent pension-fund budget of $332,340 plus expenses for a promotional campaign to be conducted in October. It also provides for new pension applicants for a 20-year period a guaranteed annuity instead of the fluctuating retirement payments now paid to ministers.

The program would place $200,000 of the $332,340 in the permanent fund of the annual conference to increase present pension endowments. The remaining $132,340 would be placed in a fund from which the conference would pay contributions for the new entrants amounting to 9 per cent of their salaries. The entrants would pay an additional 2 per cent.

Clergymen voted 105 to 20 in favor of the system; laymen voted 58 to 25 in favor of it.

Salvation Army Carries on Youth Work In 98 Territories Throughout World

NEW YORK (RNS) — Youth work of the Salvation Army extends to 98 separate territories throughout the world, reaching an estimated total of 2,000,000 oyung people, Commissioner Donald McMillan, national secretary of the Army, reported to the National Board of Commissioners here. He said 2,500 working centers are established in the U. S.

Pledging his faith in the young people of the country, Commissioner McMillan asserted that "heedless criticism of youth is to be regretted and serves no useful purpose. Undoubtedly a new psychological state of mind has developed from war-time conditions, but I fail to find that it is anything like as bad as often described.

"Fundamentally, our boys and girls want to be good boys and girls," he added. "It is their natural instinct. When they get away from the standards of home and religious beliefs many of them undoubtedly err, yet we should not put the emphasis upon error and too little upon the good."

Even under war conditions, he said, 60 per cent of the Salvation Army's activities have to do with youth.

Missionaries Move Before Jap Advance

CHUNGKING (By Wireless) (RNS)—As many as two hundred foreign missionaries from stations in North-central and South-central China are moving westward on foot, in carts, in box cars, leaving their homes and possessions behind, as one of the stiffest Japanese offensives of the war knifes forward on a North-South line to the heart of China.

A total of 125 Honan evacuees have cleared through Sian in Shensi Province, key city at the gateway to Free China, within the last few weeks. These men, women, and children who have found their work impossible and their stations untenable as the Japanese have occupied whole new areas of Honan and upper Anhwei provinces.

Honan evacuees include Americans, British, Swedes, Norwegians. They are Lutherans, Roman Catholics, Baptists, some independent missionaries, and large numbers of members of the China Inland Mission. Three parties of Lutherans have already arrived in Chungking. They represent the Augustana Synod Mission, the Lutheran United Mission, and the Lutheran Brethern Mission. A small party of missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention has also arrived here.

The Augustana Lutherans numbered 21 persons, 3 men, 13 women, 5 children. Spokesman for the group was the Rev. Victor Swenson, whose station was formerly Hsiunchang, Honan. Nine of these have already left for America. The others will take new jobs in Free China or wait for Honan to reopen, according to the spokesman.

Six people of the Lutheran United Mission, three men and three women, are all going home. Two families of the Lutheran Brethren Mission are in Chungking.

Four Baptists left the station in Chengchow. One has gone home, two are here, and the fourth is still in Sian.

The China Inland Mission, stations of which are sprinkled generously all over interior China, withdrew some sixty of its personnel from the Honan-Anhwei area. Eleven remained behind, and a telegram from them within the past two weeks indicates that they are safe and the situation is quieting down. Fears are still expressed here, however, concerning their capture and the impossibility of reaching them with funds. The majority of these evacuees are British with Australians, Canadians, and Americans also involved. Most of the C.I.M. personnel has been scattered to other stations of the same mission in Southern Shensi and Kansu and will carry on work there. Fourteen of the evacuees have gone on furlough. Some are in Sian, Chengtu, and Chungking.

The evacuees have one thrilling story after another to tell. The evacuation march from eastern Honan to Sian is roughly three hundred miles. Much of the distance was covered on foot. Part of the time the refugees were leap frog with the invading force. One school of six hundred pupils evacuated en masse from Chengchow to Sian and is now setting up again in Paochi.

To the South along the Canton Hankow Railway, the picture of withdrawals is still obscure and even now in progress. The Tung Ting Lake battles of last winter, while victorious for the defenders, forced the withdrawal of some missionaries from Northern Hunan. They were Finnish and Norwegian Lutherans and American Presbyterians. There is no doubt in Chungking that missions in Changteh, Yiyang, Changsha, Siangtan, and elsewhere in upper Hunan have withdrawn their personnel.

On June 1st the American Presbyterian Hospital in Hengyang began moving its equipment and personnel to Tushan in Kweichow province. Richard Bjorkdahl, field supervisor for the American advisory committee, has reported evacuations from Changsha. He left the city himself by foot on May 30th.

Baptists Face Problem Of Size

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (RNS)—"For the first time in their history Baptists are "facing the problem of size," according to Dr. W. R. White, editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

He said this is particularly true of Southern Baptists, whose numbers are approaching six millions, and of Negro Baptists.

Dr. White observed that other denominations are capitalizing on "upenlisted" Baptists, that some of the rich and cultured are going to more ritualistic denominations, while many are turning to the more emotional and informal cults. 'A majority," he added, "are being captured by the devil. They are being absorbed by a very bad form of modern paganism."

He advocated a new strategy to meet the problem, a larger number of full-time church workers, and the establishment of mission stations. Size, he said, brings problems of loose fellowship, of individuals being lost in the multitude, of deception of numbers, and increased difficulties of efficiency.

To emphasize his point, Dr. White said that 12 large Southern Baptist churches had a total increase in membership last year of 11,901, but increased only 3,652 in Sunday school.

"The record of average attendance is even more alarming," he said. "These churches reached a saturation point in enlistment several years ago. Above 3,300 (in a single church), the per cent of unenlisted and unde-

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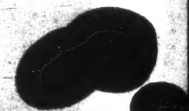

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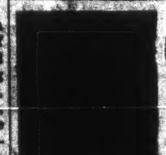

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Here is a letter that I received from a young man in a theological seminary:

"We've been having quite a time here in the last few weeks. I think that we have finally found out where everybody stands. As a matter of fact, we've found ourselves slipping into Modernism and Socialism without realizing it. It's hard to explain. When we first came, we felt around and discovered that everyone seemed to believe in the fundamentals as we did—the inspiration of the Scriptures, salvation by faith, the virgin birth, the resurrection, and even the Second Coming of Christ.

"We carried on for the first term, not altogether sure of everyone's stand, and therefore we didn't stick up for our own end of it the way we might have. Then, after Christmas, we began discussing things. We discovered that, without realizing it, we had actually taken a modernistic viewpoint. All our fundamentals had been uprooted and we found that we have nothing left to believe in. I think it hit all the fellows pretty hard and we were worried about it. It seemed that the more we talked about it the more modernistic we became, and the more Fundamentalism went down in our estimation.

"I finally decided that if Modernism was all I had to believe in, I might as well throw the whole works up and not believe in anything. Actually for about 10 days, I neither read my Bible nor prayed. The Bible seemed foolish to me and prayer was a mockery.

"You see, here is the view that the Modernists take, so far as we can make it out.

"They believe in the inspiration of the Bible, but just certain portions of it. Some of the books merely a commitment to live up to the principles of Jesus and work for the building of a better world.

"So you see, according to their views our faith is pretty well shot and not worth much.

"While I was alone I began to think, and I realized that in spite of all these things I had had a personal experience with the living Christ. If Christ lives, then the resurrection story of the Bible must be true, and it follows that the Bible must be the Word of God. At once I discovered that my faith was stronger than any teaching I might hear to the contrary and that it was something worth standing up for.

"It must have been in answer to your prayers that we did not swing over to Modernism for good. Don't worry about that now, though, for we have something that cannot be shaken."

No Other Anchorage

Oh, fathers and mothers, don't, don't, I beseech of you, send your children to a college or seminary where Modernism is taught! Don't subject them to so great a temptation. Keep them off the Enemy's territory if you want them to stand. Choose a sound, evangelical school, even if it is far away from home; yes, even if it costs more. You cannot afford to have them robbed of their faith. For once they cast aside the Bible as a supernatural book, it will be easy to sin. There is no other anchorage.

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3. Modernism rules the Bible out as an authority on theological questions.

(a) It declares that the recorded miracles of Christ are merely legendary exaggerations of events that are entirely explicable from natural causes.

"The critical view of today is that the Gospel miracles represent the crude ideas of a superstitious age, and are to that extent untruthworthy."

(b) It denies the physical resurrection of Christ, in spite of all the evidence to the contrary.

"He was resurrected in the sense that His ideals, and the principles for which He stood, lived on."

Thus His disciples, who proclaimed His resurrection, are made out to be deceivers, utterly unworthy of our confidence and

5. Modernism is based on dreams, suggestions, speculations, theories and human philosophies, and not upon facts.

6. Modernism has no answer for the question: "What comes after death?" Since the Bible is ruled out as an authority and we have no other source of knowledge, we are left to mere guesswork. Philosophers, professors, and scientists simply do not know. They have no message for the death-bed.

Therefore shun Modernism, shun it as you would a poison. Accept God's Word rather than man's opinions, for God is always right, man often wrong. Stand by the Bible; the Bible vindicates itself.

...Honolulu to Yokohama, according to the sailing list.

...Four Baptists left the station in Changchow. One has gone home, five are here, and the fourth is still in Siam.

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...On June 1st the American Presbyterian Hospital in Hangchow began moving its equipment and personnel to Tushan in Kweichow province. Richard Bjorkdahl, field supervisor for the American advisory committee, has reported evacuations from Changsha. He left the city himself by foot on May 30th.

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